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April 2, 1823 to April 21, 1823

[377] Special Meeting In Common Council April 2nd 1823.
Present. The Honˡ Stephen Allen Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esqʳ Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wᵐ H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Jacobus Dyckman	Wᵐ Thorn
	George S Doughty
	George Downing.

The Board met agreably to adjournment The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with

His Honor the Mayor stated that this meeting was agreed to for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appᵈ at the last meeting to prepare a suitable memorial to the Legislature remonstrating against the Passage of the Bill now pending [378] before the Senate on the subject of a tax upon the real estate & personal property of the Inhabitants of this state

The Recorder from the said Committee presented the following report.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to draft a memorial to the Legislature against the passage of a Bill pending before that Honorable Body. for the Assessment and Collection of taxes

Respectfully Report.

That they have given to the subject all the attention which their limited time would allow and herewith present a memorial for the Consideration of the Common Council.

Respectfully Submitted
R Riker
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Wᵐ H Ireland
S Cowdrey.

Whereupon the Memorial was read & unanimously approved, directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

A Petition was presented from the inhabitants of Pike Street praying that said Street may be [379] opened through to Allen St. which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Certified Copy of the Law passed by the Legislature on 24th of March 1823 entitled A Law to authorise & provide for the building of a Fever Hospital in the City of New York was laid before the Board & read Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Communication of the Mayor respecting the Health of the City to consider & Report as to the Corporation's accepting of the Grant in said law under the provisions therein enacted.

A Petition of Samuel Norsworthy for remission of tax on Church in Rose street now owned by him which was occupied as a place of Worship by People of Color under the Care of the Revd Mr Spring was read and refd to the Commee on Assessmts

The Finance Commee to whom was referred the petition of Abel Sammis for lease of Hell Gate Ferry reported Vizt The Finance Commee to whom was referred the application of Abel Sammis for a lease of Hell gate Ferry have had the subject under consideration and after conferring with Mr Sammis relative to the terms of said lease he has agreed to accept the following proposals which were [380] made to him by your Committee and in favor of which they now Report. and recommend that the same be adopted by the Board.

Resolved that a lease ought to be made to Abel Sammis for the Ferry at Hellgate including the premises on both sides of the river for the term of ten years at a nominal rent, he covenanting to make all necessary repairs particularly within One year to build a good Stone Wall or Bulkhead on the New York side the length of the present wooden bulkhead in the front of the House the wall to be six feet wide at the Bottom and four feet wide at the top and to leave the premises in good order at the End of the term and to keep and maintain a Horse Boat and other necessary Passage Boats on the ferry and at the end of said term he shall have a right to the renewal of the lease for the further term of Seven years at a rent to be ascertained by appraisement from persons to be chosen by each party and a third man to be chosen by these two. And the decision of two of the appraisers to be final as to the rent, the new lease to contain similar Covenants as to repairs boats &c

James Hall,
S. Cowdrey
(Signed) H J Wyckoff,
George Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland.

Which Report was approved and the resolutions adopted

Adjourned.

[381] In Common Council April 14th 1823.

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St John
Elisha W King	William H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	Wm Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty
	George Downing.

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved

A Petition of Wm Bradford for leave to repair or rebuild a Cistern in front of his house No 100 John St. was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Comr

A Petition of C W Van Ranst for leave to sell his horses & Carriages at and in front of his Stables near the corner of Cliff & Beekman St. was read & referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 2nd Ward

[382] A Petition of Chas Miller for permission to construct a Vault in Ann Street was referrerd to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Harned complaining that the Assessment on his property on No 107 Pearl Street is too high & praying relief was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Wm Lee Junr for appt of Street Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Samuel Darling to be appointed a Street Inspector was read & referred to the Commee on Applications

A Petition of Thomas Kennedy for license for stall No 5 in Duane Market. was read & referred to the Market commee

A Petition of George Ferris Sweeper of Washington Market for an encrease of his fees was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[383] An Application of a Number of Citizens that Wm Hadley may be appd an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Mangle Minthorn & John Cregier for permission to transfer his lease of Lot No 513 Pearl Street to James & George Brooks was referred to the Comptroller with authority to permit a transfer to be made.

A Petition of John Hopkins for permission to transfer stand N^o 46 Washington market to Henry Conck was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Letter was received from John J Howe offering himself a candidate for the office of Phisician to the Gaol & Bridewell in which office he understands there will be a vacancy was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Mary Hilleker that her son James Hilleker may be licensed for the stall N^o 4 Centre Market lately held by he[r] deceased husband was ref^d to the Market Committee

[384] A Petition of Sundry inhabitants that certain Streets in the village of Greenwich may be regulated was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants stating that Stanton Streets was the last Fall ordered to be paved & the expenses assessed on Petitioners that in consequence of the work being illy done it now needs repairing & praying the same may be done without expence to the proprietors on the Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Ann Woodworth praying for relief from a tax assessed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Elias Dobbs for some app^t under the board was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of John Remsen David Goldsmith Israel Langdon & A L Stewart was received stating that they are owners of ground fronting the hundred feet of Grand St between Thompson & Sullivan Street which was lately directed [385] by an ordinance to be paved & requesting that they may be themselves permitted to pave & regulate the Same was read and referred to the Street Committee with authority.

A Petition of John Ireland to be permitted to use the surplus earth of the ground conveyed by him to extend Amity St. in filling up his low lands to the level of said Street. which being read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition was also received from Mr Ireland stating that agreably to the arrangement between him and the Corporation in relation to ground of his required for Amity Street he was noticed to remove from his dwelling house on the 1st of May but as the building he is erecting will not be prepared to receive his family until July or August. next he therefore solicits permission to continue his occupancy of house until that time which was referred to the Street Comm

A Petition of John C West to be indulged with further time for payment of an Assessment on him for paving Carmine Street was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[386] A Petition of James Roosevelt *st* that the Curb & Gutter stone may be laid in Bleecker street from his residence corner of Bleecker & Crosby Street to Broad Way which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that the side walks in Elizabeth Street between Spring & Prince Street to be paved was referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Peter Hatfield to be app^{d} an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & slips.

A Remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Division Street & its vicinity against extension of Pike Street to Allen Street was referred to the Street Committee

An Agreement signed by Obadiah NewComb & others to pay for paving & laying the Curb & Gutter stone in Lewis street from Grand to Broome st was presented and referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Remonstrance of the Reformed Dutch church against the Law lately passed respecting Interments & praying it may be so modified [387] as to prohibit interments in the summer months only was referred to the Board of Health.

A Petition of B F J Gautier for remission of Fine For selling Furniture at Auction in Chatham square and that permission be granted to him to sell Furniture at that Place was read & referred to the Police Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Samuel Pennoyer master of a Packet plying between Norfolk & this Port praying remission of a penalty incurred (ignorantly as he states) by landing a Mrs Rorke an alien with her children he undertaking to remove them at his own expence from the City was read & referred to the Police Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Daniel B Shepard for appointm^{t} of Deputy Clerk of the Police office was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Lewis Whitney to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Nathaniel Grey for remission of [388] Fine incurred by selling liquor without license & for which he is now imprisoned was read and referred to the Police comm^{ee} with authority to grant relief.

A Petition of Ezra Hartt to be permitted to remove a Stable from the corner of Division & Norfolk St. to N^{o} 21 Goerck Street was referred to the Ald. & Assist. of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority.

A Petition of Patrick McCloskey for remission of Fine for selling liquor without license for which he was now in prison was referred to the Police Committee with Authority

A Petition that the Houses in White Street may be regularly numbered was referred to the Street Committee with authority

A Petition of John Skutt to be appointed a Street Inspector was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Applications.

A Petition was received from John R Livingston remonstrating against certain ordinances directing certain lots owned by him to be filled in & [389] requesting a Penalty recovered against him for not complying with an ordinance respecting filling in certain lots may be remitted was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Ashton for relief from a Personal tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Note was received from Martin S Wilkins Esq^{r} stating that he had received directions from George Rapalye to commence a suit against the Corporation for the recovery of Nine hundred & fourteen dollars paid by him on an Assessment for opening the 10th Avenue which work has never been performed which being read was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee}

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board certified Copies of the following Laws which has passed at the present session of the Legislature Viz^{t}

An Act to provide for the permanent regulation of certain Streets passed 10th of April 1823" Which was directed to be referred to the St. Com^{ee}

An Act defining the power of the Harbor masters [390] in the City of New York. passed 22nd Jan^{y} 1823. which was directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York passed 9th of April 1823. which was also directed to be published

Also an Act to provide against Infectious and Pestilential diseases. which was directed to be printed in Pamphlet form for the use of the Members and of the board of Health.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Co^{y} N^{o} 1.

William Franklin Mat maker 338 Washington st
vice Ransom Swartout joined anoth

N° 6.

Thomas Rich Taylor. 62 Greenwich st
vice Jesse Howard app^{d} F. W.

N° 7.

Frederick Bogardus Shoemaker Skinner st
vice James R Mount resigned.

N° 14.

Richard Jacob Grocer Greenwich c. of Harrison st
[391] vice Samuel E Gruman Deceased.

N° 20

John Adams Blacksmith 53 Cedar st.
vice Luke Torboss time expired.
John A Harriet mason 26 Lispenard st vice W^{m} Carl expelled

N° 25.

Samuel J Vandervoort machineist 53 Warren st.
vice W^{m} Ross resigned.

N° 32

Thomas Butler Carpenter 214 W^{m} Street.
vice Daniel Devoe time expired.

N° 39.

Charles Ellet Dry good merchant Broadway
vice W^{m} Prentiss Resigned
Philip H Bransen Sadler Broadway vice John H Brown (deceased

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the account of John McComb late Street Comm^{r} for work done on the Roads from 30th Jan to 27th of October 1821.

He received by Warrants from the Corporation	$2500
And Expended	2168
Leaving a Balance of	$332

Which was paid in to the treasury 27th of October 1821 which Report was directed to be filed.

[392] The Compt^{r} also presented a communication on the subject of the right of the Corp^{n} to the land on L Island between the Wallabout & Red Hook between High & Low Water and recommending that the owners of the Land who are entitled to take out Water Grants be called upon to take out such grants. Which being read was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee}

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the following Assessments Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collection of the Same to Morris DeCamp. Viz^{t} For regulating & paving Stanton St. from Ludlow to Ridge Street

For paving intersections of Stanton street with Ridge & Pitt Streets

For Paving Carmine Street from Varick st to Sixth Avenue.

Also return of Delinquents on the following Assessments. and warrants were directed to issue to Noah Jarvis, for the Collection of the same.

For regulating & Paving Green street from B^{d} Way to Collect st And for Paving Canal Street from B^{d} Way to Collect st.

[393] He also presented an Ordinance that a Log be bored and driven into the Well on Grand St. of such size and Caliber & under such directions as shall be given by the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Com^{r} & John Salisbury Isaac Kip & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Amity Street near Green St and Francis Peckwell Isaac Kip & John Salisbury were app^{d} Assess^{rs}

Also an Ordinance for a drain from Lewis Street to the East river and Benjamin Prince Abrah^{m} Dally & John Brower were app^{d} Assessors.

He also presented a deed of Cession from Abijah Hammond of that part of Bank Street lying between Greenwich Street & the Hudson river But whether the same should be accepted without a release of the Dower right of Mrs Hammond he submitted to the consideration of the Board Whereupon the Same was referred to the Counsel of the board.

The City Inspector presented 2 ordinances one directed to Marinus Willett the other to Noah Brown for filling in certain Sunken lots which were referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

Also Ord. for fencing in certain lots in B^{d} Way which [394] were passed.

The City inspector also reported that a contract had been made for correcting the Nuisance in Rhinelanders alley which was directed to be laid on the table.

He also presented Ordinances for the Correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed Viz^{t}

N° 1	A H Palmer	agent	N°	51	Ann St
2	Thomas McGuire	occupant		53	Augustus St
3	G B Abeel	owner		55	"

4	N Turry	occupant	59 Banker	a Privy
5	Mrs Ireland	"	61 "	"
6	S McCormick	"	64 Bayard	"
7	S Cave	"	283½ B Way	"
8	T Fowler	"	54 Chatham	"
9	C Harris	"	56 "	"
10	H Anderson	"	69 "	"
11	W Lansdown	"	179 Division	"
12	J Nixon	"	195 "	"
13	J Tallmadge	"	197 "	"
14	Wm Parker	"	199 "	"
15	J McKeever	"	214 "	"
16	Wm Smith	"	8 Dover st	"
17	F Leroy	"	21 Duane	"
18	J McPhilin	"	98 ElM.	"
19	[395] M Latham	"	200 Front st	"
20	J McCready	"	246 "	"
21	Wood & *Barclay* [Buckley]	"	252 "	"
22	A Campbell	"	Grand st	"
23	A O King	"	166 Greenwwh st	"
24	C N C Rowland	"	75 Hudson	"
25	J Striker	"	77 "	"
26	T Peck	"	10 Jay	"
27	J Kirk	"	Mercer	"
28	C Nesbit	"	47 Mott	"
29	H Cutter	"	81 "	"
30	J Crawford	"	82 "	"
31	T S Jennings	"	65 "	"
32	G Williams	"	67 "	"
33	T Gardner	"	56 Pearl st	"
34	J Gray	"	27 Peck slip	"
35	N Sayre	"	29 "	"
36	F Cross	"	36 "	"
37	A Crump	"	5 Rose	"
38	G Jackson	"	69 Roosevelt	"
39	H McTier	"	157 South	"
40	J H Howland	"	158 do	"
41	Byrnes Trimble & co	"	159 "	"
42	D Lydig	"	160 "	"
43	J J Cowan	"	6 Varick	"
44	J Sherred	"	326 Washington	"
45	Welshman [&] Beatty	"	" "	"
46	[396] G Thompson	"	205 Water st	"
46½	F Obrien	"	217 "	"
47	L Childs	"	222 "	"
48	Mrs Whitman	"	225 "	"
49	A Potter	"	226 "	"
50	E English	"	227 "	"

51	M Rider	occupant	235 Water st	a Privy
52	Mrs Alexander	"	235½ "	"
53	M Street	"	236 "	"
54	D Cramsey	"	242 "	"
55	J Gardner	"	245 "	"
56	R Charles	"	271 "	"
57	H Hamers	"	276 "	"
58	John Kemble	"	8 Beaver st	A Lot
59	Thomas Van Zandt	Owner	South	Lot
60	J Rathbone	"	Broadway	"
61	A S Glass	"	"	"
62	T W Moore	"	"	"
63	T Barrow	Agent	Varick st	"
64	Elisha C Pell	Owner	Commerce	"
65	Stewart Elder	"	Grand	"
66	Lawrence & Vanbeuren	"	New St	"
87	D Booze	"	Watt st	"
68	A Hunter	Agent	"	"
69	L Coffee	Owner	"	"
70	J Tiers	"	Pump	"
71	George Thompson	"	Allen	"
72				
73	[397] G Thompson	"	Eldridge st	"
74	Mrs McGennis	"	Greenwich "	"
75	G Storm	ow	Broad	Privy
76	M Willett	"	Delancy	Lot
78	N Brown	"	"	"
79	Jonas Mapes	"	Crane Wharf	"
80	P Schemerhorn	"	"	"
81	J Tonnele	occ'pt	" 284 Pearl	"

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

The Counsel presented the following

To the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York

Herewith are respectfully submitted to the Common Council a deed of Cession made by Mangle Minthorn Esqʳ & Ayrett his wife of a piece of land in trust for a Street to be called third Street and also a release to the said M Minthorne Esqʳ of the land conveyed by him to the Corporation in 1805 in trust for a Street never intended to be made and called Minthorne Street

This Second deed has been presented for the purpose of effecting an exchange of lands described in the two deeds and in pursuance of a resolution of the board to that effect.

(Signed) Wᵐ Saml. Johnson.
for
Ogden Edwar

[398] Whereupon the deed of Cession was directed to be accepted & the Release to be duly executed.

The Street Comm^{ee} to whom was referred the Petition of the New York Gas light Company presented a report which was read & laid on the table & directed to be printed for the use of the Members. that decision was afterwards reconsidered & it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Mrs Wooster in behalf of her Son Capt. Wooster reported in favor of Pet^{r} as follows

The Comm^{ee} on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Wooster in behalf of her Son Charles W Wooster praying that the tax imposed on him may be cancelled

Report

That Cha^{s} W. Wooster is now in South America and has been for several years and that his Mother is supported by him in a very moderate style and your Committee are satisfied that Relief Ought to be granted & respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector refrain from Collecting the personal tax imposed upon [399] Charles W Wooster and that he return the same in the list of Errors & insolvencies of the ward

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Henry Mead.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Same Committee on the petition of the College of Physicians & Surgeons reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments. to whom was referred the Petition of the treasurer of the College of Physicians & Surgeons praying to be relieved from a tax on the House of their Porter.

Report.

That the treasurer appeared before your Committee and Stated that he had discovered that a part of the house was occupied as a Grocery Store and was satisfied that the tax ought to be paid

Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant them relief.

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Henry Mead

[400] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was *was* referred the petition of the trustees of the 8th Presbyterian Church to be relieved from tax reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the 8th Presbyterian Church praying to be relieved from a tax imposed on their property for the years 1821 & 1822

Report,

That they have given the case a thorough investigation and are of opinion that they were not at the time the Assessment was made entitled to the exemption by the Act inasmuch as the Act points out that it must be a church or place of public Worship which they had not completed for several months after the Assessment was made and at present they have a house on the Premises for which they receive rent. Your Committee are of opinion that relief ought not to be granted & Respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the [401] petitioners ought not to be granted.

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Henry Mead.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Same Committee on the Petition of Sam^{l} Norsworthy reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Norsworthy praying to be relieved from a tax imposed on his church in Rose Street.

Report.

That as this is a Church and a place of Public Worship and used as such although the Owner derives a revenue from it Your Committee are of opinion that it comes within the meaning of the Act and respectfully offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the Fourth ward refrain from collecting a tax on the church in Rose Street owned by S Norsworthy and return the Same in the list of errors and insolvencies of said ward.

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Henry Mead.

[402] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well & Pump at the Corner of Greene & Amity Streets reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed Petition for a Well & Pump at the intersection of Greene and Amity Streets

Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
R Graves St. Com^{r}

which was approved the resolution adopted & the Street Comm^{r} presented an ordinance therefor which was passed.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Matthew Harpel reported in his favor as follows.

[403] The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Skillman butcher Stating that he leased Stand No 87 Fulton Market for five years and that he will surrender it on his obtaining a lease of Stand N° 29 in the same Market at present held by W^{m} McCready who asks permission to transfer his Stand to Said Skillman.

Report that it would be desirable to have all the Butchers removed out of the East wing of said market they would therefore recommend that a Surrender of Skillmans lease be received by the Comptroller and that W^{m} McCready have leave to transfer his Stand N° 29 Fulton market to said Skillman they beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved that the Comptroller receive a Surrender of the lease ofor Jonathan Skillmans Stand N° 87 Fulton Market on his paying all the rent due on said Stand

Resolved that W^{m} McCready have leave to tran[s]fer Stand N° 29 Fulton Market to Jonathan Skillman

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[404] The Market Comm^{ee} on the petition of Matthew Harpel reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Harpel Butcher praying a grant of Stand N^{o} 31 Washington market at present held by Jessee J Spicer who is willing to relinquish it in his favor

Report

That the Said Harpell is highly recommended as a Sober industrious and respectable young man they would therefore recommend that Jesse P Spicer have permission to transfer stand N^{o} 31 Washington market to Matthew Harpel and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that Jesse J Spicer have leave to transfer Stand N^{o} 31 Washington market to Matthew Harpell on his paying the rent in full to the first of May next

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following Report on the Subject of the Common lands & in [405] relation to an exchange of Lots with James Amory

The Finance Comm^{ee} to whom was referred the Subject relative to Common lands

Report

That the Comm^{ee} have had the Same under consideration and have visited said lands for the purpose of ascertaining their local Situation and the improvements which have been made on them by the present Lessee & the probable amount of rent to be obtained from those lots of which new leases are to be given on the first of May next From the result of their enquiries the Committee have to state to the Board that the revenue arising from the rents of the Common lands will be greatly disproportionate to their Supposed value

As the following instance will show Viz^{t} Such lots as have been greatly improved by the Lessees and have been valued at from $1500 to $2500 Can not be leased at present for the term of ten years for more than $30 per annum Your Committee have affixed Such rents as in their opinion could be obtained for all the lands except they judged best to leave in the hands of the Commission

Alms House who have very greatly improved a Number of Lots which they have heretofore occupied Your [Committee] [406] have been applied to by James Amory to exchange with the Corporation a Fire proof store owned by him Situate in Market Street Slip for Lots N° 115, 121 & 181 Which Mr Amory has held under lease and two of which he has greatly improved. Your Committee have thought proper after varying the terms of exchanging So as to add $1000 in cash with Mr Amory's Store to agree to report in favour of such exchange believing it to be conducive to the public Interest.

The Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to Complete the exchange of Lots N° 115 121 & 181. of the Common lands of the Corporatⁿ with Mr James Amory and that he receive in lieu thereof his store and Lot fronting on Market Street Slip and one thousand dollars in cash

(Signed) James Hall
Wᵐ H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Samuel Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[407] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Contractors of Street manure to be allowed a place for the deposite of Street Manure South of the line prescribed by Law presented the following report

The Finance Commᵉᵉ to whom was referred the question relative to the expediency of allowing the Contractors for the Street Manure a place of Deposit South of the line prescribed by law so that the Said Contractors might immediately remove such part of the Manure as is yet too wet to put on board for transportation to the Country.

Report.

That the Committee have examined the Contract between the Corporation & the said Contractors & found the said Contract to be full and ample in all its provisions relative to the duties to be performed by the Said Contractors as prescribed by the law of the Corporation on that Subject excepting that clause only which provides that during the months of December Janʸ & Febʸ the Said Contractors Shall not be compelled to take up the dirt from the Streets while it is frozen or in too wet a State to remove Consequently the Contractors are at present bound to take up all the dirt from the Streets which [408] is collected together in heaps by the inhabitants on the Sweeping days designated by law In consideration of these circumstances your Committee deemed it their duty to call the attention of their Citizens by A notice in the public papers to the means which the law provides for the immediate cleansing of the Streets from their present unu[su]ally filthy State And also to direct the Street Inspect^{rs} to report every infraction of the Law to the Attorney of the Board. the result which has been produced by the expedient thus resorted [to] by your committee is as follows, to wit, The Law has been enforced by the Inspectors and the Citizens And the Street Contractors have found as they say that it is wholly impracticable to comply with the strict requirements of their present contract and the provisions of the Law they have therefore proposed to surrender their Lease to the Corporation on the first day of May next, and to pay all the rent which Shall then be due. Provided the Corporation will release them from the fines and Costs which may accrue from Complaints already made and which *may* [409] may be made against them they pledging themselves to make every effort in their power to comply with the Law in the meantime. Your Committee Sincerely hope their propositions may [be] acceded to on the part of the Board. It is however necessary here to inform the board that a Sub Contract has been made by the contractors with Mr J Ackerman leasing to him for the full term of their Contract that part of the City which lies north of Franklin Street and West of Broadway at the rate of $750 for the whole time It is believed however that Such an arrangement may be made with Mr Ackerman as will not materially interfere with any future plan of operation which the Board may adopt. The Contractors offer to transfer the notes which they hold against M. Ackerman by indorsing them over to the Corporation Your Committee recommend the following resolution which if adopted by the Board they beg leave to offer for their consideration a plan for the future regulating of the removal of the filth & Dirt from the Streets of the city.

Resolved that the Board accept the proposit^{n} of the Contractors for rescinding their Contract for the Street manure and that the Comptroller [410] is hereby authorised to Cancel and annul the said Contract on the first day of May next, on condition that the Said Contractors pay to the Corporation the whole amount of rent which Shall be due on that day agreable to their Contract.

Plan for the regulating the removal of filth & Dirt from the Streets in the City of New York.

1st The City Shall be divided into three Contract districts and nine Sweeping Districts to wit.

1st Contract district to include the 1st 2nd & 3d wards
1st ward to be swept on Mondays & thursdays
2nd on Tuesdays & Fridays
3d on Wednesdays & Saturdays
2nd Contract district to include the 4th 5th & 6th Wards
4th ward to be Swept on Mondays & Thursdays
5th ward on Tuesdays & Fridays
6th " on Wednesdays & Saturdays
3d Contract district to include the 7th 8th & 10th wards.
7th ward to be swept on Mondays & Thursdays
8th on Tuesdays & Fridays
10th on Wednesdays & Saturdays

[411] 2ndly There Shall be one Street Inspector appointed to each of the following wards

Vizt 1st 2 3 4 5 6 7 & 10 wards And the Alderman and Assistant of each of the Said Wards Shall appoint the Inspector of their respective Wards

3dly The duties of Said Inspector So appointed Shall be the same which the law requires the present three inspectors to perform.

4th Each Inspector So appointed Shall receive as a compensation for his Services a Sum not exceeding one dollar per day

5th The offices of the three present Street Inspectors shall cease and become vacant on the said first day of May next

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the inspector appointed for the 8th & 10th wards to attend to that part of the Ninth ward included in the Lamp and Watch district and bounding on said wards.

Resolved that the aforesaid plan for regulating the removal of the Filth & Dirt from the streets of ye city be adopted and that the Finance Committee be authorised to carry the Same into effect.

Resolved that an ordinance be drafted and Submitted to the Board at their next meeting which Shall be in pursuance of the above [412] regulations and that among other provisions it be enacted

1st That no manure or dirt Shall be deposited or remain South of Hammond st. on the North river and North Street on the East River at any time between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of Novr in any year

2nd that if the Contractors for the Street manure shall not remove the dirt or manure before Sunset on the days designated for sweeping the several districts any person may remove it on the next day thereafter and convert it to his own use. Or the Corporation may remove it at the expence of the Contractors All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J wyckoff
George Zabriskie
W^m^ H Ireland
S. Cowdrey.

The agreement of the Contractors was as follows

It is hereby agreed on the part of the Contractors for Street manure that if their proposition to the Corporation made through the Finance Committee be accepted by the Common Council (To Wit.) that they [413] will give up their covenant for the Street manure on the first day of May next on condition that the Said Contractors shall pay up all the rent which Shall be due at that time. And that the said corporat^n^ Shall remit all the Fines and Costs which Shall accrue from complaints which have been made or which may be made previous to that time then the said Contractors will agree to give up cancel and annul the Said Contract on the first day of May next

(Signed) Higgins Meserole &c.

Upon the Second Section of the plan for regulating the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets Ald. Taylor moved to strike out the words Ald & Assistant of each of said Wards and substitute the words Com. Council the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative The Ayes & Noes having been called by Ald Taylor were as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald. Wyckoff King Hall Zabriskie & Mead. Messrs St John Ireland Cowdrey Webb Thorn Marsh Downing 13

Affirmative Alder. McQueen Taylor Dyckman Messrs Parker Doughty. 5

The Report and the Several resolutions were then approved and adopted.

[414] The Finance Committee on the several petitions of Michael Tally & Thomas Cummings for payment of certain sums due to them on Contracts for regulating & paving reported Viz.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Tally for monies due him for regulating and paving
Street. And also the Petition of Thomas Cumming for

him for regulating and paving Wooster Street from Spring to Near Houston Street.

Report.

That both these contracts were completed last summer and that the Assessments for the Same ought to have been collected Several months since by Mr John G Betts one of the Collectors *of the Collectors* of the Assessment. But the said John G Betts having neglected his duty as collector only a small part of the said Assessment are as yet collected But inasmuch as the Petitioners have on their part fulfilled their engagements they ought in the opinion of your Comm^{ee} to receive the monies due them

They therefore recommend the following resolution. Resolved that the [415] Comptroller issue a Warrant for the payment of Three hundred and sixty six dollars $^{70}/_{100}$ which is the Balance due the said Michael Tally Also a Warrant for the payment of Seven hundred & thirty $^{18}/_{100}$ dollars the balance due the said Thomas Cummings

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} H Ireland
S. Cowdrey.
Geo. Zabriskie

Which was approved the resolution adopted and warrants were directed to be reported agreably thereto.

The Finance Committee presented the following report upon a bill of Costs for Clerks fees which had accrued in the Court of Common Pleas of this City in May term 1822 in a case of A Presentment of the Grand Jury against George W Niven The Bill had been taxed by the Court of Exchequer on 30th of Nov^{r} 1822 and Ordered to be paid by the proper officer & that the Amount constitute a part of the Contingent Expenses of the City & County. The Report was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom the [416] within Bill was referred beg leave to

Report.

That they have examined the same & find that the items are correctly charged for the services therein Specified and that it is equitable & just that the same should be paid out of the City Treasury as the Corporation under the present laws are responsible for the expenses and charges of the Court of Sessions and this Bill appears to come under such responsibility they therefore recommend the following resolut^{n}

Resolved that a warrant issue to John L Broome for Sixty nine dollars and Six cents, in full of the within Bill respectfully submitted

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S. Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff

Whereupon Resolved that a Warrant be reported for $\$69.{}^{6}/_{100}$ in favor of J L Broome agreably to the resolution.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Subject of Erecting a Statue to the memory of George Washington which had [417] been laid for consideration on 23d of Dec^{r} 1822 was now called up and being read was in the words following.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Cha^{s} King & others proposing that $50000. be raised by Tax Loan or otherwise as the Corporation may deem most advantageous to be applied to the erection of a Statue of General Washington

Report That they have had the Subject under consideration and have concluded to Recommend to the Board that the question be Submitted to the People in their Capacity as Contributors by way of tax to the disbursements necessary for Carrying into effect the object of the Memorialists and they therefore Submit for the Consideration of the Board the following resolutions.

Resolved that an election by Ballot be held in the Several Wards in this City on the 7th day of January next. for the purpose of receiving the votes of all persons assessed for taxes on the books of the Collectors of the Respective Wards on the question " Yes. or " No. whether a sum not exceeding [418] $50.000 Shall or Shall not be raised by tax on the Real & Personal Estates in this City in such annual Amounts as will Sink such sum to be raised with interest in Ten Years the money thus to be raised to be applied to the erecting of a Statue with suitable emblems and ornaments thereto in this City to the memory of General George Washington.

Resolved that the Alderman & Assistant or one of them shall be the inspectors of such election in their Respective wards to Select and appoint the place where Such Election Shall be held giving at least three days notice thereof both by advertisement in the papers employed by the Corporation and by posting such notice in Some conspicuous place on the building in which Such Election is to be held.

Resolved that the polls of such election shall be opened oClock in the morning and kept open until sunset of the Seventh day of January aforesaid and The inspectors shall make a true return of the votes given at such Election to the Common [419] Council at their next meeting there after

Resolved the Several Collectors of taxes in this City attend the polls of such Election in their respective Wards in order that a reference may be made to the tax books to ascertain who are entitled to Vote at Such Election.

(Signed) James Fairlie
Wm Paulding Junr
Wm H Ireland
Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton.

Whereupon Mr Cowdrey presented the following Resolution

The Common Council reciprocating and applauding the patriotic feelings and motives of their fellow Citizens who have presented their memorial having for its object the erection of a monument emblematical of the Illustrious Character of George Washington which memorial was laid on the table by the predecessors of the present Board And the Common Council believing that any undertaking of the kind referred to in the said memorial would disappoint rather than gratify public Expectation [420] with regard to the Commemoration of him who was "First in War First in peace First in the hearts of his Countrymen.

Therefore Resolved that the said Memorial be withdrawn from the table and placed on the files of the Common Council.

Which being read was adopted

The report of Street Committee on the Petition for Changing the name of Provoost Street which was laid for consideration on the 17th of March last was now called up & being read was in the words following.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the 5th ward praying that the name of Provoost Street may be altered to that of Franklin Street inasmuch as it is one continued Street from Orange Street to the North river in Order that it may be numbered in continuatn the whole length thereof

Report.

That in the opinion of your commee the names by which Streets have been long known should not be altered unless there are Strong reasons to justify it such [421] as the present case *present case* presents. by a late act of the Corporation Franklin St. (formerly Sugar loaf St.) has been opened into Provoost St. and forms one continued Street to the River as set forth in their petition and would be rendered much more convenient to have it pass under one name and a regular succession of Numbers throughout under all the circumstances your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the followg Resolution.

Resolved that the name of Provoost St. be done away and that of Franklin st be substituted therefor and that the Superintendant of Repairs have the same marked and numbered accordingly

(Signed.) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Samuel St John

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative

A Resolution that the Street Committee be instructed to enquire into the necessity of paving New Street was presented & referred to the Street Committee

[422] A Resolution that a Drain be laid from the sunken lots on the Westerly side of Lewis Street between Rivington & Stanton Street was presented & adopted The Street Commr presented an ordinance therefor which was passed

The Comptroller reported.

Balance in the treasury 31 march	69.64
Received for tax of 1822 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th, wards	15.800.
" Rents	2119.49
" Streets	962.62
" Lien on Lots	98.50
	19050.25

25 Accts, audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	813.75
Hibberd & Clarke do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d	645.75
George B Smith Assist. St Comr 1 Qr salary	250.
Ogden Edwards Counsel drawing laws &c	581.12
J Morton Clk C. C. index 45th Volume Minutes & Hack hire pd	92.17
R Smith Clk Washington market 1 mo	59.
J Bremner do Catharine do	57.
P Ammerman do 6 markets "	46.50
E Frost do Fulton "	41.66
B Crane Stationary 1 novr to 10th Inst	[illegible]
Thomas Barnum sups mud machine	[illegible]

[423] Nathan Comstock 9 Casks Oil	431.34
J Culbert act. reg^{s} & pav^{s} Canal St from B^{d}Way to Collect st	500.
H Cochrane do Stanton fr Ludlow to Willett	400.
H Smith do Fly market st fr Pearl to south st	400.
T. Price act rebu^{s} Sewer Fly market fr Pearl st to river	156.
E Doughty Surveys & maps 1 Q^{r} 1st inst	449.
Isaac T Ludlum do do do	444.
Thomas R Ludlum do do Widening dover st	97.
J Gallagher balance Well Greene st n Grand	24.75
R Pettigrew 1st pay^{t} do Lumber n Thames st	17.22
Thomas Lovett act filling at Battery	3000.
J. P. Roome sup^{t} Repairs for Repairs	242.
Mechanics Bank 2 Bonds 11 Dec. 1821. 1 Oct. 1822 and interest	8648.75
	\$18429.13
Balance	621.12

Board adjourned to monday next at (4 oclock).
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[425] Special Meeting in Common Council April 21st 1823.

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Jacobus Dyckman	W^{m} Thorn
Henry Mead	George S Doughty.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

His Honor the Mayor Stated that the Board had adjourned to meet on this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the Law for the removal of Filth & dirt from the Streets which was directed to be reported

A Draught of the Law was accordingly presented by the Attorney on behalf of the Counsel which was read; after some considerable [426] discussion the several clauses were seperately agreed to and the Law was passed under the Title of "A Law to regulate the "removal of filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York "and to provide for the appointment of Inspectors to see the law duly "enforced." It was ordered that the Law be printed for the use of the members in Pamphlet form.

The Counsel made a representation that Thomas R Smith to whom the lease for the Public Docks & Slips for the present year was to be given had not entered into the bond with Sureties agreably to the terms of the contract Mr Thorn offered the following resolution

Resolved that the Counsel be authorised to add the name of Cha^s E Thorn with that of Thomas R Smith as Lessees of the Public Wharves & Slips Whereupon the subject was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises.

He also presented leases for property sold to the following persons for non payment of taxes & Assessments due on them.

The Counsel herewith respectfully [427] presents for execution the following leases of property sold for taxes and Assessments to wit.

A Lease to Thomas Scott of all that certain lot of Ground on the South west side of Broome Street in said City at corner of Suffolk Street and Which was assessed as belonging to the heirs of Coles New Comb sold for Twenty [years] from 26th of September 1822

Also a lease to Bartholomew McGarraghan of all that certain house and lot of land situate lying and being in the Eighth ward of *of* the City of New York Known and distinguished on a certain map of the said Ward in the office of the Street Commissioner as N° 64. Which said house and lot of land front on Mott St. and were assessed as belonging to Allen Reynolds Sold for five Years from 18th of April 1823.

Also A Lease to Beverly Robinson Assignee of John Sloan of all that certain house and seven acres of land Situate lying and being in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York Fronting on Fitsroi Road which said house and Seven Acres of land were assessed as belonging to Thomas B Clarke sold for six years from 18th of April 1823.

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

[428] His Honour the Mayor laid before the Board a certified copy of the Act of the Legislature of the State passed 12th April 1823. entitled an Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise money by tax which was directed to be filed in the office of the Comptroller the last Clause of the Act relating to the compensation of the Collectors of the Several wards was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed

N° 1	J G Storm	occupant	83 Broad st	privy
2	J A Campfield	"	Chapel St	
3	F Conway	"	83 Cherry	

4	H *S Hoe* [Shoe]	occupant	104	Cherry	a privy
5	R *Shuthers* [Struthers]	"		Church [& Leonard]	"
6	J Hagerman	"	47	Ferry	"
7	B Aymar	"	42	Greenw^{h}	"
8	L P Deluze	"	134	"	"
9	J Raynard	"	236	"	"
10	J Prince	"	77	Lombardy	"
11	J Thomas	"	48	Nassau	"
12	A M Haywood	"	69	"	"
13	E Johnson	"	13	Oak	"
14	[429] S Wilson	"	489	Pearl st	"
15	Tho^{s} Carter	"	84	D^{o}	"
16	H Smith	"	286	Spring st	"
17	J Travers	"	43	Thomas st	"
18		"	4	Varick	"
19	D^{r} Eddy	Agent		Allen st.	A Lot.
20	P Ogilvie	owner	108	Anthony	"
21	W^{m} Cooper	D^{o}		Eldridge st	"
22	C Ryan	Agent		Fultons alley	"
23	J Gallaudet	occupant	29	Hester	"
24	A Kerr	owner		Hester	"
25	J Bannon	occup^{t}	87½	Henry	"
26	T Schieflin	"	177	Pearl	"
27.	A D Maintain	"		South st	"

(Signed) Geo Cumming, C. I.

A Petition from a number of inhabitants on the West side of Fly market complaining of a Nuisance occasioned by a number of sinks on the Rear of the Lots from Front street to South Street was read and referred to the City Insp^{r} with directions to report specially the facts thereon.

A Memorial from the Rector Wardens & Vestrymen of St. George Church praying for a modification of the late law respecting the [430] Interment of the Dead so as to admit the interments in private Vaults and Individual Interments in the earth

A Memorial of similar import from the trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church

Also one from the Rector Churchwardens & Vestrymen of Trinity Church

Also a petition from a Considerable number of Freeholders and inhabitants of the City and one from the Corporation of the first Presbiterian church in Wall Street were presented and referred to the Board of Health.

A Petition of Jewett & Halsey praying the Council to reenter on Stall N^{o} 30 Fulton market leased to one Larned which has been

Hypothecated to them by said Larned & to regrant the Same for their benefit which was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Owners of Lots on & in the vicinity of 13th Street praying the same may be regulated was read & referred to the Street Committee

[431] An Instrument under hand and Seal executed by Bernard J Meserole & Michael D Higgins surrendering & Releasing to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty the Lease and Contract entered into [by] them on the 1st of February 1822 for the removal of the filth & dirt from the Streets from the date of said Contract until the 1st of May 1824. was presented and read the said instrument relinquishing & giving up from and after the 1st day of May. next all their right & title to the said Contract & the filth and Dirt of the Streets of the City The Same having been read it was resolved that the said release be accepted and that it be filed in the office of the Comptroller.

A Petition of Richards Kingsland & Co. requesting. that. to enable them to comply with the law relative to opening Maiden lane, they may be permitted to remove a two story frame Building from the Centre of the Lot N° 89 to the North end of the Same was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of the ward.

A Petition of Walter West for Stall N° 10 [432] Spring St market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Wright Carpenter to be appointed Street Inspector for the 4th Ward was referred to the Ald. & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A Petition of James Walker Junr for relief from a personal tax was refd to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Joseph Place to be permitted to remove his house at Brooklin so as to front on the Street was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition that Washington Street may be paved from Watts Street to *to* Spring Street & the Side walks on the Easterly side laid or flagged was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Chas McEvers stating that he has been assessed for a personal tax in the 9th ward and also in the 4th and praying relief was referred to the Commee on Assessments

[433] A Petition of Thaddeus B Wakeman to be relieved from a penalty incurred by incumbering the Street with some bales of Cotton was referred to the Police Committee.

An Application of J H Hart for appointment as Physician [illegible] Bridewell & Gaol was referred to the Committee on Applic

A Petition of Thomas & George Lovett & J R Murray to be permitted to Lay drains from three Lots in Wooster Street & Laurens street to the Sewer in Canal st. was referred to the Aldermen & Assistant of the Ward and Street, Commissioner.

A Petition of Grove Wright & others to be permitted themselves to pave McDougall Street from Spring to Houston st was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of Samuel Gale to be relieved from a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Edwards that the law [434] *that the Law* forbidding field preaching might be repealed was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Pet. of Reuben Dickinson to be licensed as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of John Downs to be relieved from a Personal Tax, was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Skelding Van Vortwick & Miller & Hirral & Co. Owners of vessels plying between Boston & the Port of N York called the Dispatch line praying that the Law relative to lying of vessels in Coenties Slip passed on March last, may be so modified as to permit the vessels owned by Petitioners to be in said Slip as they had heretofore been permitted was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of John McReady holding stall N° 32 Fulton market was received stating that he was prosecuted & imprisoned for the Rent due on said Stall and praying time might be given to him for payment of same on his giving security therefor & he be released from Confinement was [435] read and referred to the Market Committee with powers

The Alderman & Assistant of the Second Ward on the Petition of Cornelius W VanRanst reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Second ward to whom was referred the *the* petition above written.

Respectfully Report.

That the Petitioner is about Selling off his Livery Stable Establishment in Beekman Street at Public Auction His Request being merely for permission to vend those Articles which cannot be Conveniently examined in his Stables. Your Committee perceive no particular objection to grant his request provided the Sale be conducted in a proper manner they therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that permission be granted to Cornelius Van Ranst to vend his Horses & Carriages at Public Auction in front or near his Stables in Beekman st. provided the said Sale be conducted according to the directions which the Ald & Assist. of the Second Ward may give in relation thereto.

(Signed) E. W. King
Sam^{l} St John

[436] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Maria Whaites praying relief from an Assessment reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Maria Whaites to be released from an Assessm^{t} for a Well and Pump erected opposite her House and Lot N^{o} 262 Bowery.

Report.

That inasmuch as the said assessm^{t} has been made in conformity with the law which provides that such assessments shall be a lien on the property so assessed Your Committee deem it inexpedient to grant relief in the premises They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H. Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[437] The Canal Committee to whom was referred a Petition presented on the 10th of June last for extending the Sewer in Collect street presented the following report.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of Property in the vicinity of Collect Street praying that the Sewer commenced in that street may be continued.

Report, that they have viewed the premises and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners at present as the unsettled State of the ground in that Street renders it doubtfull whether it is sufficiently firm to Support the great weight of the walls of a Sewer. Your Committee however consider the Street in a state of Nuisance owing to the settling of the pavement and consequently deposits of Filth and therefore recommend the repaving the Street as early as the season will admit for which purpose they offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Collect Street be taken up and repaved from the present Sewer to Antony st or so much thereof as may be deemed expedient and necessary to abate the existing nuisance And that the Street Commissioner prepare [438] & present the draft of an Ordinance accordingly

(Signed) George Downing
Jacob B Taylor
Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen
John Webb.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted and the Street Com^r directed to prepare an ordinance accordingly.

Mr Cowdrey presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Assessors of the different Wards & also the Board of Supervisors be requested to meet at the office of his Honour the Mayor on the 26th day of April inst. at 4 Oclock to take into consideration the legal & proper mode of assessing the property of the Citizens & Inhabitants of this City to the end that Such assessm^t may be just and equal & satisfactory to the inhabitants & Citizens

Mr Thorn presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves [439] Piers & Slips take into consideration the *property* [propriety] of compelling the owners of property to make a Bulkhead from Catharine to Market Street with a view to make Water Street to its proper width and to correct the Nuisance

Ald Dyckman presented the following

Resolved that the following persons be and they are hereby reappointed Commissioners of the School Fund for the ensuing year.

Abraham Russell Jacob Drake Peter H Wendover Francis Cooper Henry McFarlane

Which Resolution was adopted and they were appointed accordingly.

and the Board adjourned.

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OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

APRIL 28, 1823 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1823

[1] In Common Council April 28th 1823.

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W King
George Zabriskie
Robert McQueen
Jacob B Taylor
Jacobus Dyckman
Henry Mead
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Assistants
Thomas Bolton.
Samuel St John
Wm H Ireland
Samuel Cowdrey
John Webb.
Shivers Parker
Wm Thorn
David Marsh
George S. Doughty

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of James G Reynolds for permission to remove a wooden building from No 18 Jay Street to Orange Street between Hester & Grand Street was referred to the Aldermeen & Assist. of the 5th & 6th Wards

A Petition of Anna Johnson praying relief from a personal tax assessed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Sundry Owners of Property in [2] Pearl St requesting that a Sewer may be made in Pearl St leading to the one in Whitehall St. was read & granted & the Street Commr was directed to report an Ordinance therefor who immediately reported an ordinance agreably thereto which was passed.

A Petition of Isaac G Loper was received Stating that he was Lessee of Room over Fulton market & agreed for it for the ensuing year but was told he must give Security therefor which he agreed to do but calling for that purpose last week was to his surprise told it was rented to another and as Petitioner has expended on the premises for accommodations about $160 he is greatly injured by leasing the same to another & praying relief Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Clement C Moore for permission to enclose a part of the Old Fitsroy road as it is not now used as a Highway was read and referred to the St Comr to report.

A Petition of Isaac Van Cleef that the Stairs of his Stoop may be permitted to remain was referred to the Street Commissioner

[3] A Remonstrance of the Owners & Lessees of Property on

Washington Street between Watts & Spring Street against paving that part of the Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Elinor Heyden that her house in Pike Street may be permitted to remain was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Proprietors and lessees of Property in Roosevelt Street praying that a Drain may be made from the Pump between Batavia & Cherry Street to the Sewer in Roosevelt st. was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the larger Ward & Street Comm^r

A Petition of Wright Carpenter for office of Keeper of the Park or Battery was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Robert Weir for relief from a personal tax he being possessed of no personal property was referred to the Comm^ee on Assessments.

A Petition of Aaron Sergeant for permission to remove a small building used as a Stone Cutter. [4] Workshop from West Street to Beach street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 5th Ward

A Petition of Jacob Slocomb to be relieved from a personal tax for the 3d Ward having been assessed in the 5th Ward where he lives was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Complaint of Stephen Storm that the Cellars of himself & Neighbou[r]s have been overflowed with water owing as is supposed to the Stoppage of a Drain in Beaver Street was read and referred to the Street Comm^r

A Petition of W^m Swords to be appointed a City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of the Hucksters of Fulton market against the Selling of Vegetables & Fruit in the Streets was referred to the Market Committee.

A Similar petition from the Hucksters in Centre market was ref^d to the Same Comm^ee

A Similar petition from the Hucksters in Washington market was referred to the same committee

[5] A Petition of J. C Sutton to be relieved from Penalty incurred for selling liquor without licence was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John B Coddington for relief from tax assessed on him was refer^d to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Claudius Redon to be relieved from an undue assessment for personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Hickson Wilson for further time to pay Assessment on him was ref^d to the Finance Comm^ee

A Petition of Daniel Aim to be permitted to remove a fram ing from the South side of Grand Street to the opposite side of the Street was ref^d^ to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of George B Smith Assistant Street Comm^r^ for an encrease of his Salary was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Isaac & J Hatfield for permission to construct a Vault in Broad Way near 4th Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

[6] A Petition of the inhabitants of Delancy Street between Lewis Street & the East river praying that a drain may be made through the Street to the river was read and referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition of Thomas & George Lovett for the use of the Boring machine owned by the Corp^n^ was referred to the Superintendant of repairs with authority to loan the Same

A Petition of Adolph Brower and Jacob Concklin was received Stating that they are Watchmen of the City and that for their discharge of duty in Suppressing a Riot they were prosecuted by one Deighton Brown & though a Verdict was given in their favor considerable costs have accrued and the said Brown having absconded Petitioners are accountable for the Same & praying as the said expences have been incurred by them in the discharge of their duty that they may be relieved was read and referred to the Police Com^ee^

A Petition of Samuel Sparks to be permitted to construct a Vault in duane Street was referred to the Aldermen & Assistant of the [7] Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James. W Westervelt & A S Roe for permission to remove two Small buildings from Jay St to the 8^th^ Ward was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5^th^ & 8^th^ wards

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants of Maiden lane who have been Assessed for the improvements in said Street & to whom also sums have been awarded for damages praying that the collection may be delayed & the payments from & to the petitioners made simultaneously was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engineer N° 14.

John Drake Grocer 102 Vesey St. vice John Collard resigned

Nathan Brown Grocer 104 Vesey St. vice Henry Roff Expelled

Abraham P Maybie Mason 107 Chamber st. vice Henry Wagner resigned.

N° 17.

Legrand Sands Grocer C. of James & Oak st. vice Abraham Riker deceased

[8] N° 28.

Philip L Luff Butcher 159 Crosby St *vice* to full a Vacancy

N° 35.

Ab. Vermilyea Butcher Harlaem vice John Cownover Expelled

Benj^{n} P Benson Farmer Harlaem vice George C DurYea, deceased

N° 36.

Josiah F Dunn Cartman 15 Vandam st. vice Abraham Storms joined N° 27.

The Street Commissioner laid before the board a communication from W^{m} Denning stating that he had caused a part of Washington Street to be enclosed by a fence as he considers the ground as belonging to the estate of W^{m} Denning dec^{d} and for which the Estate has received no compensation He also presented a copy of the Report of the Counsel made on the memorial of W^{m} Henderson & W^{m} Denning Executors of said Estate on 18th of February 1822 Whereupon the said Communication was directed to lay on the table

He also presented the following ordinances [9] which were passed Vizt.

An Ordinance for a Sewer in Pearl Street from State St to Whitehall Street and John Bedient James Bleecker & Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

Also for setting the Curb Stone & laying the Gutter Stones in Bleecker st. from Broadway to Easterly side of the house of James Roosevelt and Francis Peckwell Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

Also for repaving Collect St. from the head of the present Sewer to Anthony St & John Targee John Salisbury. & John Brower. were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector on a reference to him by the board of health & also from the Board presented the following report.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board that he examined the West side of Fly market between Front & South streets on the petition of sundry inhabitants in that neighbourhood referred to him at the last meeting of the board With respect to the alledged drain and its being obstructed as [10] is stated in their petition and thereby occasioning the nuisance he states that a Citizen admitted that he had lived there ever since 1803. and then & since it was a general opinion or belief that there had been a drain—nothing further could be obtained besides the supposed *the supposed* drain in Order to ascertain the Scite of the obstruction might require the removal of the rear of the West of *the west of* the houses of Fly market and the Excavation of the Ground from Front Street to the East river The City Inspector however presents ten ordinances to correct Nuisances on the premises Four of which are for cellars and Yards. all that had been noticed by the inspectors under the board of Health had been before ordinanced He also presents three ordinances to correct Cellars fronting on Crane wharf which with what was before done there it is hoped will prove effectual in that part of the City.

(Signed) George Cumming
City Inspector

Whereupon the Ordinances proposed were passed.

[11] The City Inspector also presented ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances.

Nº 1.	J Prest	occupant	54	Anthony st	A Privy
2	J Carr	do	57	do	do
3	L West	"	61	"	"
4	A S Glass	Owner		Broadway	"
5	J Delamater Junʳ	occupᵗ	529	Broome	"
6	C Greene	"	531	"	"
7	R Russell	"	8	Canal st	"
8	Wᵐ Farrell	"	27	Chesnut	"
9	J Robinson	Owner	34	Elizabeth	"
10	J McComb	occupant	149	Front	"
11	Mrs Nivens	"	150	Fly market	"
12	Mrs W Byron	owner	152	"	"
13	A Nivens	occupᵗ	156	"	"
14	J McClanahan	Dº	158	"	"
15	S Sawyer	"	156	"	"
16	Sutton & Dougherty	"	166	"	"
17	C Baillis	"	115	Henry st	do
18	R Folgar	"	98	Lombardy	"
19	Samuel Cockran	"	511	Pearl st	"
20	James Decker	"	23	Mulberry	"
21	A Ryckman	"	53	Sullivan	"
22	[12] J Fairchild	"		Crane Wharf	"
23	J. Mizner	"		" "	[illegible]
24	T Baldwin	"		" "	[illegible]
25	A Niven	"	186	Fly markᵗ	[illegible]

26	J McClenahan	occupt	158	Fly markt	A Lot
27	Wm Wells	"	160	"	"
28	Samuel Fouracres	"	162	"	"
29	Wm Beer	"	54	Thompson	"
30	Wm Englehart	"	86	Bowery	"
31	A L Stewart	"	56	Thompson	"
32	Do	"		Sullivan	"
33	Chas Dobbs	Agent		Suffolk	"
34	D B Ogden	"		Washington	"

(Signed) Geo. Cumming Cy Ir

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with a Subpoena from the Court of Chancery to appear on 28th inst at suit of Henry Rutgers And had also been served with an original Writ from the Supreme Court returnable in May term next at the Suit of George Rapalye Whereupon the Counsel was directed to enter an appearance for the Corporation in said suits

The Finance Committee on the report of the Comptroller respecting Water Grants. [13] at Brooklyn reported. as follows.

The Finance Committee on the report of the Comptroller relative to the right of the corporation of this City to the Soil between high & Low water mark at Brooklyn recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller give public notice in the public papers employed by this Board and in the newspapers published at Brooklyn to all who hold land adjoining the high water mark at Brooklyn and who have not obtained grants from the East Side of the Wallabout to the Southerly Side of the Dock now *now* or lately owned by Ralph Patchum that they may obtain Grants from the Corporation for the Soil between high & low water by making application prior to the first day of July next) at the present rates after which time the rent will be doubled namely to Twelve and a half cents per foot for the first 21 years and twenty five Cents pe[r] foot forever after Arrearages of rent to be charged from the time of making improvements as heretofore practised.

Signed Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie.

[14] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of John & N Haight together with the report of the Committee o[illegible]ments thereon presented the following report.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of J & N Haight together with the report of the Committee of Assessments thereon

Report.

That the petitioners pray to be relieved from the payment of Taxes on the following property viz. A two Story building No 218 Broadway Tax $46.75. Shops in the rear of the same tax $11.00 Buildings in the rear of lots on John Street tax $6.60 making $64.25.

The Front building on Broadway is occupied the first floor as a Ware room for storing packing & vending carpeting rugs and other Cloths manufactured by the petitioner exclusively The Second floor for assorting stocks and preparing them for the loom The buildings in the rear on the Same lot are filled with machinery for manufacturing [15] the above articles. The buildings in the rear of John Street are occupied as Dye houses where the materials used in the Manufactory are dyed. All the above buildings form together a Manufactoring Establishment each being an Essential part of it and necessarily dependent upon each other. And your Committee are satisfied as well from their own observations as from the affidavits of the petitioners hereunto annexed that the aforesaid property is occupied for manufacturing purposes as above Stated and may be considered as within the meaning of the act for encouragement of Manufactories passed Feb 28th 1817. which exempts from taxation all buildings machinery and manufactured articles in the hands of the Manufacturer of every cotton woollen or linen manufactury Erected within the State or hereafter to be erected. Your Committee do therefore concur with the Committee of Assessments in opinion that the petitioners ought to be relieved and beg leave to recommend that the resolution offered by them for that purpose be adopted

(Signed) George S Doughty
Samuel Cowdry.

Which was approved and the resolution [16] proposed by the Committee on Assessments was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Assessments was as follows

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John & N Haight praying to be relieved from taxes imposed on their Ware Room 218 Broadway their Factory in the rear of the Wareroom & the Factory in John St.

Report.

That the Legislature of this State passed an Act for the encouragement of Manufacturers Feb 28th 1817 in which Act all buildings ry & Goods in the hand of the Manufacturer are exempt from

Taxation your committee are of opinion that the above named buildings come within the meaning of said Act Respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the second Ward refrain from Collecting a tax imposed on house N° 218 *Browery* [Broadway] the buildings in the rear of the same and the building N° 11 John Street owned and occupied by John & Nicholas Haight for manufacturing purposes and return [17] the same in the list of Errors and insolvencies of said ward

(Signed) Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
George S Doughty

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th ward & Street Commissioner on the petition of Thomas & George Lovett to lay drains from Lawrence street to Sewer in Canal Street reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward & Street Commr to [whom] was referred the petition of Thomas & George Lovett and John R Murray for permission to Construct Sewers in Wooster and Lawrens Streets to the Sewer in Canal Street Report

That in their opinion it is proper to grant their request and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that permission be given to the petitioners to build Sewers in Lawrens and Wooster Streets Provided they conform to the Law relative to drains & Sewers passed the 2nd of April 1821

Signed Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
R Graves St. Comr

[18] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of Owners of Lots on Lewis Street reported Viz

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the owners of Lots situate on Lewis Street between Grand and Broome Street for permission to pave that part of the Street under Contract to be made by themselves

Report

That as the petitioners are the Owners of all the Lots from Grand to Broome Streets they see no impropriety in granting their [illegible] and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted under such directions as shall be given by the Street Commissioner

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
W^m^ H Ireland
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition of W^m^ Lord to remove a wooden building reported Viz^t^

[19] The Street Committee to whom was referred the within petition of W^m^ Lord for permission to remove a wooden building from Cheapside Street to a vacant Lot on South St.

Report.

that in their opinion the permission if granted would be in direct violation of the Law prohibiting the Erection of wooden buildings within Certain limits therein specified Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Suffolk St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of owners of Property on Suffolk St. between Grand and Broome Streets to have the Side walks paved

Report that as all the lots are improved by buildings it is proper that their request should be granted and accordingly recommend [20] the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Side Walks in Orchard Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry

Bullwinkle and others to have the Side walks of Orchard Street paved from Grand to North Street Report.

That in their Opinion it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners as a considerable proportion of the lots on that Street are vacant and that the walks with a little gravelling will be made dry & Comfortable

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Samuel St John
David Marsh

[21] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee *to* [on] the petition of John R Livingston reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of John R Livingston remonstrating against the filling up of his Sunken lots between Rivington and Stanton Cannon and Lewis Streets

Report.

That Mr Livingston has so far abated the nuisance complained of that he has caused a drain to be laid from his lots to the river which has partially drawn off the water therefrom but as considerable water remains Your Committee would recommend that Mr Livingston be ordinanced to fill his lots so far as that all the water may be drawn off *be* [by] the Sewer built by him and that on condition of Complying therewith immediately the penalties he has incurred be remitted him on his paying the costs of suit they accordingly respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the penalties incurred by John R Livingston in not complying with the ordinance for filling in certain sunken [22] lots therein designated be remitted him on payment of Costs and on Condition that he so far fill up his lots on or before the 15th of May next as to cast off the water therefrom through the Sewer lately constructed by him to the river.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam^{l} St John
David Marsh
W^{m} H Ireland.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition of James Roosevelt to have the Curb & Gutter Stone laid in Bleecker St. reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of James Roosevelt praying that the curb stone and Gutter stone may be set in Bleecker street from his premises to Broadway

Report.

that the request of the petitioner is reasonable and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioner be granted.

[23] Which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted & the Street Com^{r} reported an ordinance therefor which were passed.

The Street Committee on the Petition for altering the names of Collect St. & Rhynder Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Lorillard and others owners of Property on Collect Street & Rynder St. praying that the names of those streets may be changed to that of Centre Street throughout

Report.

That Collect & Rynder Streets are one Continued line from Pearl to Broome St. that the name of Collect St terminates in nearly the centre of the Block between Canal & Howard St. in such manner that the building on which the last number in Collect Street will be placed will adjoin the building on which the numbering on Rynder street will commence from which [24] circumstance great inconvenience and confusion will be experienced by the public as well as by persons residing on those streets Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the names of Collect St & Rynder Street be done away and that they hereafter be known and distinguished on the Maps of the Streets of this City as "Centre Street

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam^{l} St John
David Marsh

Upon the question being taken on agreeing to the report of the Committee it passed in the Negative.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side walks in Elizabeth Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sparks & others to have the side walks in Elizabeth Street paved from Spring to Prince Street

Report that in their opinion the [25] prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Sidewalks in Anthony Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition praying the side walks in Anthony Street may be paved from Collect st. to Little water Street.

Report.

That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor.
David Marsh
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[26] The Street Committee on the petition for paving Lewis Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of Lots fronting on Lewis Street requesting that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Grand to 4th Street

Report

That they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Lewis St be regulated & paved or so much thereof as is not already done from Grand St to Fourth St and that

Commissioner present the draft of an Ordinance in conformity herewith

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred ordinances reported by the City Inspector against Marinus Willett & Noah Brown reported as follows.

[27] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed ordinances presented by the City Inspector for abating nuisances on Certain Sunken lots therein designated

Report.

that they have viewed the premises and find their Condition such as to require them to be filled in without delay and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved. that it is necessary and proper that the Ordinances presented by the City Inspector for filling Sunken lots belonging to Col Marinus Willet and Noah Brown be passed and that he have the provisions thereof carried into effect.

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side walks in Essex St reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of lots on Essex St. between Grand & Broome Streets to have the side walks paved

Report That as the lots are nearly [27A] all occupied with buildings it would be proper to have the side walks paved and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayers of the petitioners be granted and that the draft of an ordinance be presented by the Street Commissioner in Order that it may be carried into effect

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Samuel St John
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Thomas Orr to assign lease of Lot on Thomas Street to Elizabeth Robson reported in favor as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Orr for the assent of the Corporation to a transfer of his Lease of the house and lot No. 19 Duane Street to Elizabeth Robson.

Report.

That the committee have made enquiry relative to the responsibility of the said Mrs Robson and find that [28] the public interest will be rather promoted [by the] transfer.

They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

(Signed) James Hall
S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was ref^{d} the petition of Cha^{s} McEvers reported Viz^{t}

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Cha^{s} M^{c}Evers praying to be released from a tax imposed on him in the Fourth ward he having paid his tax in the Ninth Ward

Report.

That from the petitioners statement he did not remove from the Fourth Ward until after the Assessment was made, the tax he paid in the Ninth Ward was paid in his own wrong. Your Committee are of opinion that the tax due the fourth ward must be paid and that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to [29] be granted beg leave to offer the follow^{g} resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

(Signed) William Thorn.
George Zabriskie.
George S Doughty.
Henry J Wyckoff.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John C West for further time to pay an Assessment reported as follows

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John C West praying an extension of time on an Assessm^t for paving Carmine Street

Report,

That from the best information they have obtained they are of opinion that his request is reasonable and ought to be granted they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that John C West be allowed until the 1st of November next to pay the above assessment at which time he is to pay principal & interest

[30] Which is respectfully submitted

Signed William Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Ann Woodworth for relief from tax on her house reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Ann Woodsworth praying to be relieved from payment of a tax assessed on her house & lot.

Report.

That there is no doubt but the petitioner is very poor and unable to pay the tax without great inconvenience your committee are of Opinion that they ought not under any circumstances to remit the tax on Real estate they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the proper of the Petitioner

(Signed) W^m Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty
Henry J Wyckoff.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[31] The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Samuel Gale & John Downs for relief from tax reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Gale and John Downs praying to be relieved from Personal tax assessed on them

Report.

That from the Certificate of the Assessors and other circumstances which came to the knowledge of your committee they are of opinion that relief ought to be granted they respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Eighth Ward refrain from Collecting a personal tax from Samuel Gale and likewise from Collecting a personal tax from John Downs and that he return the Same in the list of Errors & Insolvencies of said ward

(Signed) Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Special Committee on the communication [32] of the Mayor to whom was referred the Act to authorise & provide for the erection of a Fever Hospital in the City of New York passed 24th March 1823. presented a report which was laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the members excepting the last Resolution which recommended that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $100 in favor of Dr Mead & also a Warrant for $100 in favor of J B Yates Esqr being for their Expenses in attending the Legislature at request of the Committee which was approved and Warrants were directed to be reported accordingly

His Honor the Mayor as President of the Board of Health presented a Report from the Board on the Subject of the Remonstrances against the late law Respecting Interments referred to the Board By the Common Council together with an Amendatory law proposed by the Board Whereupon the same was referred back to the Board of Health

A Resolution as follows was presented by Alderman King & was adopted

Resolved that in all references from the Common Council to the Board of Health the [illegible] which Shal be made thereon to the Common Council shal be adopted and signed by a majority of all the Members of the Board of Health

The Mayor presented also from the Board of Health A Law which they proposed for the organization of the Board of Health Whereby the Same was to consist of the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen & one Citizen from [illegible] to be appointed by the Common Council whereupon the Same was laid for consideration & ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

Mr Ireland presented the following which was adopted.

"Resolved that the operation of the law entitled A Law to amend a law to regulate the lying of vessels at the public Wharves & Slips and to establish the rate of Wharfage passed 10^{th} 1823 be suspended until the next meeting of the Board

The Committee on Applications on the petition of Joseph Moore to be [34] appointed a measurer of Grain reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Applications to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Moore to be appointed a Measurer of Grain think that his petition ought to be granted and beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, that Joseph Moore be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain in and for the City of New York

(Signed) David Marsh
George S Doughty
Jacobus Dyckman.

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

A Letter was received from Richard L Walker Stating that in Consequence of his appointment as Health Commissioner he deemed it incumbent on him to resign his office of Physician and Surgeon to the City Prison which resignation he requested the Board to accept with his grateful acknowledgments for the favors conferred on him. Whereupon it was

Resolved that his resignation be accepted

. It was then moved that the Board proceed to the Election of a person to fill the [35] vacancy which was agreed to and the Board proceeded to the election, When upon counting the Ballots it appeared that John J Howe was unanimously elected. It was therefore Resolved on motion of Ald. Zabriskie that John J Howe be and he is hereby appointed Physician &c of the Debtors Prison & Bridewell.

Mr St. John presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that such and so many of the Poplar trees about the City Hall Park as from their Situation are calculated to injure the growth of the trees lately planted be removed under the direction of the Committee on Public Lands & Places

The resolution respecting the Purifying furnace was called up by Mr. Cowdrey & referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

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The Comptroller Stating that he had proposals respecting the Street Manure [36] to present to the Board the

Doors were closed.

Upon opening the Proposals it appeared that Edward Hitchcock had offered for the First district Two thousand Five hundred and fifty dollars. $2550

For the Second district One thousand Seven hundred and fifty dollars $1750

and had offered as his Sureties Robert Bogardus and Daniel M Hitchcock

It also appeared that Charles Dobbs had offered for the third District Four hundred & twenty five dollars. $425.

Whereupon it was resolved that said proposals be accepted and that it be referred to the Finance Committee with the Mayor (The Chairman Ald Hall being absent from the City) With authority to perfect the Contracts

The Comptroller also Reported

Balance in the Treasury 14th inst		$621.12
Received for tax of 1822. 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 Wards		11400.
"	Rents	9335.91
"	Streets	7298.52
"	Arrears of tax	983.39
"	Justices Courts	738.86
"	Wells & Pumps	732.21
[37]"	for Courts	437.53
"	Fire Department	350.
"	Fines &c fr Sheriff	186.
"	Mayoralty fees	79.25
		$32112.79

49 Accounts audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower " 3d	624.75
R Graves St. Comr 1 Qr Salary 15th inst	375.
J Morton Clerk C. C. " 1 may	300.
Samuel Hutchings St. Inspector 1 mo	52.50
Jonathan Pinckney do "	52.50
Ab. Ackerman do "	52.50
Astin & Cochran Messengers "	52.
Wm J Waldron Assist. City Inspr	45.50
Obadiah Ayres do	45.50
Chas Gilman Keeper of Battery	
Andrew McCready do. of Park	

M Denniston 107 trees planted in Park	321.
John W Kirn 2 day sunday duty	4.
Geo Mills Assist. Bd of Health 1 mo 1st May	45.50
Benjamin Hicks do "	45.50
James Bleecker auction fees on 7 markt Stands	10.50
B Prince & associs assesss Streets to 1 Inst	807.
G Lovett. act builds Bulk head Fly markt Slip	500.
H Smith bal. regulats & paving South St on bulk head	320.97
[38] A Burtis for 2 Horses for mud machine	170.
Thomas Barnum Sups work mud machine	126.50
Ab. Dally sundries for mud machine	119.68
Thos Cummings bal. fills in Bulk head at Fly markt	77.74
Do Bal pavs Wooster st fr Spring to Houston st	730.14
Th Lovett. act. buils Sewer Grand st fr Greene to Thompson	600.
M Tally bal pavs Clarke st fr Broome to Spring	366.70
H Smith act. regs & pavs Greene fr Spring to Bleecker	300.
J Mehan bal. regs & pavs Mercer st from Spring to Bleecker St	163.81
Hemanus Bleecker of Albany counsel fees in case of Canal st sewer	150.
Estate of P Debaum 84 loads of earth on Herring and Perry st	12.06
Geo B Thorp inspects at Battery 94 days	188.
George Charlton 1st payment Well Grand st nr Broadway	42.
R Pettigrew 1st payment Well in Carmine n Herring st	21.08
R Graves St Comr fr Repairs of Roads	300.
David Lyon Hose & repairs of engine 20 Decr to 1st inst	764.47
George Pryor for Thomas Bunker 41 Casks of oil	671.84
G Snethen Sups lighting lamps 1 mo 1 may	571.13
Rob Provoost repas do	120.28
Daniel Biggs work at do 1 Qr	40.56
John L Broome in full of Bill of Costs in case of G. W. Niven	69.06
F B Winthop treasr City Dispensary for vaccine Department 1 year to 16 of March 1823	600.
J P Roome Supt of Repairs *o*for repairs of Docks	800.
J P Roome do Repairs	445.
J P Roome do Fire Department	300.
J P Roome do Wells & Pumps	175.
[39] J P Roome Supt of Repairs repair of Lamps	100.
Jno Fleming treasr to pay dividends on City stock 1 Qr 1st of May	18.500.
	$31.706.77
Balance	$406.02

Board adjourned

[40] In Common Council May 12th 1823.

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Wm H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	William Thorn
	David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman	George S Doughty
Henry Mead	George Downing.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & Approved

A Memorial from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Garden St. praying that the Law respecting Interments may be so amended as to permit Interments from November to April was read & referred to the Board of Health.

A Petition of Wm Gale to be relieved from [41] a Personal tax he being a Fireman & thereby as he understood exempt from taxes on property to amount of $500 was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of John L Norton to be relieved from tax assessed on him he being at the time a resident on Long Island where he was assessed and had paid a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of W. J. Roshore for appointment to the office of Weighmaster was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of George Mills Junr to be appointed a City Guager was referred to the Same Commee

A Petition of John P DeWint was received Stating that the Sum of $3515. had been awarded to him for property taken to widen Maiden lane that said Lot is mortgaged for $2500 that he has sold the same & that he may give a title therefore he prays that the Mortgage [42] (to the Union Insurance Company) may be paid off & the balance paid to his agent. Jeremiah P Drake which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph O Bogert Lessee of Cellar No 5 under Fulton market praying that the rent may be reduced was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Pet from Joseph O Bogert was also received complaining

Stall N° 11 Fulton market which he had held for several years had without his knowledge been leased to another & praying to be again put in possession of the Stall was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Pet. of John Bingham to be relieved from an excessive tax was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Assessments.

A Petition of James Coburn to remove a frame building 143 Mulberry St. into the Street to turn it round and move it back again fronting the Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward.

A Petition of Isaac Boyce to transfer Stall [43] N° 27 Washington market to James Byrne was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Recommendation in favor of Samuel Pritchard to be licensed as a Cartman was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Public offices.

A Petition of Caleb Concklin that stall N° 16 Catharine market may be transferred to him and a Petition from George W Valentine that Stall N° 12 in Same market may be assigned to him were referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Abraham Henniger to [be] licensed as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Petition of John Stuyvesant to be app^{d} to some office in the gift of the Corporation was referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Memorial from the congregation of Sherath Israel was presented stating that an assessment had been laid for opening Oliver Street upon certain real Estate in the 4th ward amounting to [44] \$10771 $^{8}/_{100}$ that having sold to the Tradesmens Bank a portion of said Property they pray that on payment of \$9000 into the City Treasury that part of said property affected by said Assessment. may be released. They also state that on altering the line of Chatham Street a small gore of land has been thrown in front of the aforement^{d} Property which they think fell to them on opening Harman Street they therefore pray such order may be taken thereon as to the Corporation may seem just. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee} With full powers to act in the premises as to them shall Seem just & reasonable.

A Petition from the inhabitants of Hudson & Provoost Street for a Well in the vicinity was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Comm^{r}

A Petition of Thomas Ash Executor of Elizabeth Ash deceased for an extension of time to pay An Assessment. for opening Maiden lane was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine Lessee of Hay Scales at Gouverneurs Slip requesting that another [45] person may be appointed in his place to enforce the Law respecting Gouverneurs Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Marinus Willett stating that he has been served with an Ordinance to pave Lewis Street & praying he may be permitted to do the same himself was read & it was resolved that permission be granted to him under the direction & inspection of the Street Commissioner

A Pet. that a Lamp be placed in the Vicinity of North & Attorney Streets was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition for a Well & Pump near the Intersection of North & Attorney Streets was referred to the Ald & Assistants of the [10th] Ward & Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance from Mary Spingler against working 13th Street was presented & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Mary Riddle for permission [46] to place a table in the City Hall for the Sale of Fruit was read & leave given to petitioner to withdraw her petition

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that parts of the Side walks in Leonard Street now paved with round Stone may be paved with bricks or flagging was refd to the St. Comee

A Petition of John Greaves to be appointed Foreman of the City watch 2nd District was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Dean for permission to remove a House from Chaple to Watts St. was referred to the Ald. & Assist. of the ward

A Memorial of Marinus Willett requesting that for the considerations therein mentioned that the Corporation would pay half of the expence of the pier directed by an ordinance to be built at the foot of Delancy Street for the protection of that Slip was read & referred to the Comee on Whves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Peter Nodine for relief from tax he being an Artillerist was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[47] A Petition of John Haggerty that certain parts of Washington St. Hammersly & King St. may be regulated & paved was referred to the Street Committee

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire wardens 6th Ward

James Cocks Merchant 194 Chatham st vice Wm Bolmer time expired

Wm S Murphy Sailmaker 109 Orange st. vice James Dubois. expired

8th Ward

John Brewer Butcher Mulberry vice Nicholas Schureman time out.

George Schmelzel Gentleman 498 Greenwich st vice Henry Howard time exp^{d}

Thomas Constantine Cabinet maker 538 Green^{h} St vice Philo Lewis. time exp^{d}

Hook & Ladder N° 1.

James Duffie J. Cooper^{r} 6 Front vice John Edgar resigned.

Edward W Dunham Merchant 23 Bridge vice John Watts resigned

Fire Engine N° 3.

John Parker Carpenter 27 Bridge st vice Benj^{n} McCready time exp^{d}

[48] N° 5.

Daniel S Woodruff Hatter 156 Broad Way. vice Thomas Vanderpool resigned.

Richard M Demilt Accountant Murray st vice Rowland H Gardner Resigned

W^{m} B Swift Comb maker 95 Grand St. vice Henry Walters resigned

N° 8

W^{m} B Swift Comb maker 95 Grand St. vice Henry Walters resigned

N° 9

John Miller Grocer 40 Stone St. vice Thomas Pooll Resigned

Silas Arnett. Grocer Broad St. vice Jas McUmber. resig^{d}

N° 11.

Richard F Carman Carpenter Stone st. vice Edward N Tailer Resigned

N° 14

Samuel Acker Hatter Barclay st. vice Joseph L Hoyt. time expired

N° 17.

Peter Williams Accountant 36 Oak Street Vice W^{m} Miller resigned

N° 18.

Rufus S Bergen Merchant 4 James st. vice B F Cheeseman resigned

N° 20.

Abraham B Rich Carpenter 65 North moore st. vice Rufus Billings resigned

[49] N^{o} 21

William Wendover Mechanic 57 Henry st vice William Ripley expelled.

N^{o} 22

James Wood Joiner Grand st. vice Floyd S Penoyer expelled

Jabez Marble Ship wright 114 Harman st vice Andrew Bell resigned

N^{o} 23.

Abraham Ackerman Jeweller Provoost st vice John J Routan time expired

N^{o} 24.

Zephemiah D Mullin Lamp maker John st vice Edward Tapp resigned

George Hegeman Accountan[t] Cherry street vice John Kerr Jun^{r} resigned.

N^{o} 31

Corn^{s} Winant Jun^{r} Mason Canal st vice W^{m} Allen resigned

N^{o} 36.

John Hunter Grocer, Sullivan st vice James Dench resigned

Cornelius Vanderbilt Cartman Renwick st vice Benjamin Ver Bryck mulbery st

Rinier Skaats Porter 481 Greenwich st vice Peter Roome time expired

Ichabod Smith Grocer Spring st vice Richard Copeman 29 Spring st.

[50] N^{o} 37.

James Fisher Carpenter Eldridge Street vice David Delancy—Resigned.

The Street Comm^{r} presented an Assessment for laying Side walks in Hudson Street between Beach & Spring St which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Lumber St. with an objection thereto from Isabella Scott. the objections being read it was resolved that the Assessment be confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented the following ordinances which were passed Viz^{t}

For paving the Side Walks of Anthony St. from Collect to Little Water Street & Francis Peckwell James Bleecker & John Brown app^{d} assessors

Also for paving the Side Walks in Essex st. from Grand to Broome St. & Francis Peckwell Isaac Kip & John Brower was app^{d} Assessors.

Also for Paving Side Walks of Suffolk Street from Grand to Broome St. and John Targee [51] James Bleecker & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving the Side Walks of Elisabeth from Spring to Prince Street & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} Isaac Kip & John Bedient were app^{d} Assessors

Also an Ordinance for Paving Lewis st. from Grand to 4th street & Benjamin Prince Ab. Dally & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented the following report on Lots in Stanton Street

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board that Certain lots fronting on the North Side of Stanton Streets between Attorney and Arundel st were ordinanced as belonging to the widow Janet Montgomerie (it is doubted however that she is the Owner) and has not been complied with It is recommended that those lots be corrected at the public Expence and a Lien held for the cost arising therefrom

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

[52] Which was approved & he was directed to abate the Nuisance accordingly.

He also presented a report on the Situation of Amity lane Which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented the following report on lots in Hudson St. Viz^{t}

The City Inspector respectfully states to the board that certain lots on Hudson st North of Hubert st were ordinanced last winter: one of the owners either cannot or will not comply it is recommended that they be filled in at the Public charge particularly as the adjoining owner is willing to meet the Corporation in abating the nuisance and as the last Summer when the Market was held there those lots were a great nuisance

(Signed) George Cumming, C. I.

Which was approved and he was directed to abate the Nuisance accordingly.

He also presented the following ordinances for correction of nuisances which were passed Viz^{t} The City Inspector respectfully reports [53] the following ordinances for correcting nuisances

N^o	1	P Valentine & J. Owens	Owners		Stanton st	A Lot.
	2	W Cruikshank	Agent		Elm st	do
	3	John F Delaplaine	owner		Sheriff st	do
	4	D^o	do		Broome "	"
	5	L Clarkson	do		Collister st	"
	6	Mrs Fisher	do	184	Mott	"
	7	Weeks & Tiebout	do	64	Eldridge	"
	8	A L Stewart	do		Collister st	"
	9	Matthew L Davis	do		L Water st	"
	10	Benjamin Wynthrop	do		Essex & Stanton	"
	11	Thomas Barrow	Agent		Canal st	do

(Signed) Geo. Cumming C I.

The Comptroller reported that there had been paid into the treasury for Commutation of Alien Passengers for the Quarter ending 30th of April last $105 which was directed to be filed.

He also presented the following on the account of the Attorney.

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the Several Monthly Accounts of the Attorney of the Corporation from 1st of Feb^y 1822 to 1st Inst at which time there [54] appears to be a balance due the Attorney of $53.07. which is reported for a warrant this day.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

Which was directed to be filed

He also presented the following on the account of the treas^r & of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the Accounts of the treasurer for Six months to the 1st Inst.

Also the Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund for the same period and finds them both Correct

Respectf^{ly} Subm^d

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

Which was directed to be filed

The Attorney presented for execution the contracts for the Street Manure which were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Certificate & lease for the Sale of a Lot to Elias H Ely sold for Assessments & he recommended that the same be executed during the recess of the board [55] if Approved by the late Counsel which was agreed to

The Counsel presented the following leases for property sold taxes & Assessments.

The Counsel herewith Respectfully Submits for execution the following leases of Property sold for taxes and Assessments to wit

A Lease to John M D Laurence of all that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being at Kips Bay in the 9th Ward of the City of New York which said piece or parcel of land contains one & ¼ acres of ground fronts on Louisa St. and was assessed as belonging to James B Mower Sold for 25 years from 18th April 1823.

Also lease to Charlotte Selby or Sanxay assigned to B McGaraghan of all that certain lot of land Situate lying and being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York Known and distinguished on a Certain map of the said Ward in the office of the Street Com^{r} as N° 1179 and was assessed as belonging [56] to Murray and Wheaton sold for 25 years from 18th April 1823

Also a Lease to Elisha Morrill assignee of George De Grasse of all those two lots of ground situated in the 10th ward of the City of New York on Essex st westerly side between Rivington & Stanton Streets Known and distinguished on the ward map by N^{os} 1554 & 1555. assessed as belonging to unknown owners Sold for 15. year^{s} from 9th Decem^{r} 1822.

Also a Lease to George Lovett of all that Certain lot of land Situate lying and being in the 10th ward of the City of New York Known and distinguished on a certain Map of the Said Ward as N° 3480 Which Said lot of land fronts on Delancy Streets and was assessed as belonging to John Rooke Sold for 24 Years from 18th of April 1823

Also a lease to George Lovett of all that certain piece or parcel of land Situate lying and being in the 10th ward of the City of New York Known and distinguished on a certain map of the Said ward in the Office of the Street Commissioner as N° 3481 which [57] said lot fronts on Delancy Street and was Assessed as belonging to J Rooke Sold for 20 Years from 20th April 1823.

And Also a lease to Geo Lovett of All that Certain lot of land situate in the 10th ward of the City of New York Known and distinguished on a certain Map of the said ward in the office of the Street Commissioner by N° 3479 which said lot fronts on Delancy Street and was assessed as belonging to John Rooke Sold for 26 years from 18th April 1823

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

Which was directed to be duly executed

He also reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Comm^{rs} of Estimate on Amity St. whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Com^{ee}

He also presented for execution Grants of Water lots to Noah Brown Marinus Willett & Henry Eckford which were directed to be duly executed.

The Committee on Applications upon the petition [58] [of] Samuel Howell for reappointment as inspector of Lumber reported as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Howell to be Reappointed Inspector of Lumber have had it into consideration and think it ought to be granted and respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that Samuel Howell be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Lumber

(Signed) David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman

Which was approved the resolution adopted & he was appointed accordingly.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Gas light Company presented the following report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Gas Light Company recently incorporated praying for permission to lay their Pipes through the Streets of this City for conducting Gas

Respectfully Report

That they have had several interviews with the Directors of that Company and after duly considering the important and beneficial objects they have in view and the [59] advantages that are likely to accrue to the public and to Individuals by the Substitution of Gas light for the methods now in use for lighting the Streets and private dwellings beg leave to recommend the following resolution Vizᵗ

That the New York Gas light Company shall have the exclusive privilege for Thirty years of laying their Pipes in the Streets of this City South of Grand Streets for conducting Gas on their Complying with the following conditions and requirements

First. The said Company shall before the expiration of Two Years complete the necessary buildings and apparatus for preparing Gas and cause to be laid and Gas to be furnished Sufficient for lighting the Houses and Public lamps in Broadway from the Battery to Grand Street.

Second. That the said Company shall at all times after the expiration of Five Years and during the residue of the term of this lay their Pipes and furnish Gas to be of Sufficient Capacity and the Gas to be sufficient in quantity for lighting the Public lamps and the Houses adjoining during such residue of [60] the said term in such streets and within such periods as the Common Council shall reasonably require.

Third. That the said Company shall light the Public lamps in the Streets through which the Gas shall at any time be conveyed or such of the said lamps as shall be required by the common Council at a Yearly Expence to the Corporation not exceeding what would be the expence of lighting and supplying the said lamps with Oil of the quality generally used by them for that purpose estimating the price of oil at the average rates of the preceeding year the said lamps to be lighted only during such times as the public Lamps are now required to be lighted

Fourth. The Pipes for conveying the Gas, shall be of cast Iron and together with the Conductors for leading the Gas to the lamp Posts shall be at the Expence of the Company, and shall be of sufficient Capacity and the Gas shall be Sufficient in Quality and of the best description and equal in quality and intensity to that in use for the public lamps in the City of London, The Lamps Lamp Posts Lamp Irons & Fittings. to be at the expence of the Corporation.

[61] Fifth, Notice of Forty Eight hours shall be given to the Street Commissioner of an intention to open any Street or parts of Streets for laying Pipes or Conductors. The Earth to be replaced before Sunset of the day on which any opening shall be made And the Streets to be repaved and repaired in such reasonable time and manner as the Street Commissioner shall direct And all repairs that shall at any time become necessary by reason of the said Pipes or Conductors shall always be done by the said Company.

Sixth, The Manufactory of Gas to occasion no nuisance The Corporation to have power to make all reasonable & necessary regulations as to the opening of Streets and laying down pipes and Conductors.

Seventh Nothing in this Grant contained Shall be construed to prevent any person or persons from erecting on his or their own premises any Building or apparatus to light with Gas his or their own House or manufactory

Eighth. In case of failure on the part of the said company in the performance of any of the said conditions or requirements [62] the grant hereby made shall cease and the Common Council shall thereafter have the power by a resolution to declare the same null and Void

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Samuel Cowdrey
William H Ireland

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Attorney was directed under the Superintendance of the Finance Committee to prepare the necessary Contracts.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of George B Smith Assistant St. Commissioner for an encrease of his Salary reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George B Smith assistant Street Com^{r} praying for an increase of his Salary Respectfully Report

That they have enquired into the duties of that department and the manner in which they are performed and find that the office requires great industry and application and much vigilance and accuracy [63] in many importants particulars especially in connection with the Treasury departm^{t} and that Mr Smith conducts the business of his office in a systematic & exemplary manner. And the Committee are of opinion that as the labours he has to perform have increased rather than diminished it would be just and proper to increase his Salary to the amount formerly paid.

They therefore recommend the follow^{g} resolution

Resolved that the Salary of the Assistant Street Comm^{r} be raised to One thousand three hundred & fifty dollars and that this resolution [take effect] from the commencement of the present quarter

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S. Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the applicat^{n} of George Janeway for appointment of Referees &c reported as follows

[64] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the App tion of George Janeway for the Appointment of Arbitrators

the line of Certain ground belonging to him and the Corporation in the 6th ward

Report.

That they have conferred with Mr Janeway on the Subject and have agreed to recommend the following persons as arbitrators namely

On the Part of Mr Janeway Peter Sharpe
" Corporation George Ireland
and as the umpire James Roosevelt.

The Finance Committee recommend that the Attorney of the Board be requested to prepare Arbitration bonds and have the same duly executed in order that the Arbitrators may proceed immediately to settle the boundary lines between the Respective Parties.

(Signed) James Hall
William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie.

Which report was approved

The Same Committee on the communication [65] of Martin S Wilkins in behalf of George Rapalye reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication of Martin S Wilkins respecting a claim on the part of Mr George Rapalye for $914, being the amount paid by him for opening the 10th Avenue

Respectfully Report:

That they have enquired into the grounds of this Claim and have ascertained the following facts.

That Some time in 1815 the 10th avenue was opened from 28th to 71st Street according to the Law regulating Such proceedings and that Mr Rapalye among others was assessed for the benefits that he would receive from the measure That Some of the proprietors including Mr Rapalye removed their fences from off the ground required for the Avenue that no ordinance has yet been passed for working the Avenue and consequently it remains in its original State and impassable as a public Road; That the Common Council have long since resolved that they would require no more Avenues to be worked until the Proprietors of [66] the grounds through which they pass shall petition for them to be done and express their willingness to pay the expenses that as yet no such application has been made in regard to the Avenue in question and hence has arisen the complaint of Mr Rapalye

Your Committee are furthermore informed that some of the proprietors have reinclosed the ground required for this Avenue and no disposition appears to have been shown on the part of any of them to be at any further charge or expense on the subject at present.

Under these circumstances the Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the relief requested by the said communication on the behalf of Mr Rapalye ought not to be granted

(Signed) James Hall
W^m H Ireland
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and directed to be filed

[67] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Maiden lane on subject of the Assessment for improving maiden lane reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Harry Peters and James C Roosevelt Executors of the will of A Duryea and Christ Wolfe and Sundry others acting in their own right was referred

Respectfully Report.

That they have taken into consideration the Circumstances stated in the Petition and the inconvenience growing out of them namely that the Petitioners are assessed a certain amount respectively for the improvement of Maiden lane and that an amount is awarded to each of them exceeding the Assessment for the damages they sustain by their property being taken from them for the improvement and that they are liable to be called upon by the Collector for the amount of their Assessments while on the other hand they will be entitled to demand of the proper officers the sums so awarded for damages and that the balances will be in their favor.

[68] The Committee have reflected maturely upon these circumstances and with a disposition to afford relief especially in the Case of the Executors of A DurYea.

The duties and the Embarrassments connected with the of [illegible] Executors are well known and ought not to be increased [illegible] be avoided But in the given case. the relief will produce [illegible] venience than the difficulty Complained of, it becomes evident that the Minor ought to yield to the major Consideration

The Committee have enquired of the proper officers namely the Comptroller the Street Commissioner and the Assistant St. Comm^r and they find on such inquiry that the long established practice in similar Cases is, that the Assessments are paid to one officer and the sums awarded to persons for damages are paid by another. By this means a proper course of entries is made the necessary checks and Vouchers are preserved the duties of the officers kept distinct and all clashing on that subject is prevented. Which could not be the case if the whole transactions passed through one office simultaneously as is requested by the petitioners

[69] A Sufficient accomodation Can be and always is afforded in such cases as are stated in the Petition by not calling for the Assessment, until about the time the sum awarded is ready to be paid And this course the Committee have taken to recommend to the Collectors in the Cases now referred to them.

They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
W^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petitions of J Harned Robert Ashton & Claudius Redon reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom Was referred the Petitions of Jonathan Harned Robert Ashton and Claudius Redon praying to be relieved from payment [70] of part of their taxes.

Report. That in the case of Jon^{than} Harned there is no proof of any Error he thinks he pays more than his neighbours is all that appears before your Committee. In the Case of Robert Ashton he complains of paying part of the tax assessed on his partner in Maidenlane presuming his tax was included when he was a resident of another Ward which had a just claim upon his personal property. Claudius Redon complains of his personal tax being too high he produced a certificate which is hereunto annexed but from the negative character of this document your committee are not satisfied that any relief ought to be granted, they therefore respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief in cases of Jon^{n} Harned Robert Ashton & Claudius Redon.

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the [71] [petition] of John B Coddington & Robert Weir reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John B Coddington & Robert Weir praying to be relieved from Errors in the tax imposed upon them

Report.

that in the case of Coddington he has produced a certificate from the Assessors in Which they state that they are of the opinion that relief ought to be granted and R Weir has also produced a certificate in Which they state they are satisfied he has no property your Committee are of opinion that relief ought to be granted they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Eighth Ward receive from John B Coddington a personal tax on one thousand dollars and that he return the balance in the list of Errors and insolvencies of Said Ward and that the Collector of the tenth ward refrain from Collecting any personal tax from Robert Weir and return the same in the list of [72] Errors & insolvencies of said Ward.

(Signed) William Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments presented the following on subject of an Assessment upon Anthony Steenbach

The Committee on Assessments have received a certificate from the Assessors of the Third ward which is hereunto annexed in which they state they have reexamined their Assessment on Anthony Steenbachs property corner of Broadway & Chamber st^{s} and find his lots not so deep as they expected and are of opinion that a deduction of. $
should be made from the former valuation from the above ydm

mittee are of opinion that relief ought to be granted/ offer for the consideration of the board the following resolut^{n}

Resolved that the Collector make an allowance on $9000 of the amount assessed on Anthony Steenbachs property Corner of Broadway & Chamber st. and return the Same in the list of Errors and insolvencies of said ward

(Signed) William Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

[73] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the petition of Benjamin Watson register of Dogs reported. Viz^{t}

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of Benjamin Watson the register of and Collector under the laws concerning Dogs was referred praying that he may be allowed to retain the balance of the monies which he has collected as a compensation for his services

Respectfully Report.

That the whole amount received by Mr Watson during the first year for registering Dogs as will appear from his account hereunto annexed is $654. Deducting the expences necessarily incurred by Mr Watson from this amount, will leave a balance of $609 out of the above Mr Watson is entitled to retain $196 as his Commissions and he is also entitled to the further sum of $80 as a compensation for 160 dogs killed by him during the past season making a total of $276. this sum does not appear to your Comm^{ee} to be a sufficient compensation for the services required of this officer by the [74] ordinance under which he acts. Formerly this Corporation had very great difficulty besides being at considerable expence in carrying this Law into execution. Now it will be enforced without any charge whatever to this Board and comparatively with but trifling opposition Your Committee are aware that this ordinance at present is but partially enforced but they indulge the hope that such prudent measures will be adopted the present season as will lead to the most favorable results.

Under all the circumstances attending this case the Committee are of the opinion that the petitioner might be allowed to retain the money in his hands under the qualification contained in the following resolution which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the board

Resolved that the petitioner be and he is hereby authorised to retain the balance in his hands as stated in his annexed account as a compensation for his services for the past year the same to be in full of any claim which he may or can have against the Board for services rendered under the ordinance above referred to.

[75] Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Henry Mead
George Downing
George S Doughty.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for continuing North & Houston St^s presented a report which was read & laid on the table and a map with the probable expence to the Public directed to be presented by the Street Commissioner to the board

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Bleecker St. reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry Owners of property fronting on Bleecker St. praying that that Street may be regulated and paved from Broadway to Carmine St. (or so much thereof as is not already done) Report that in their opinion the request ought to be granted and accordingly offer the follow^g resolution Resolved.

That the request of the Petitioners be granted and that [76] the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for regulating Certain Streets in Greenwich Village reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry inhabitants of Greenwich Village requesting that the streets therein named may be regulated

Report

That they have had the subject under their consideration and have caused it to be advertised for objections (if any there should be) and that there is no objection offered they therefore recommend prayer of the Petitioners be granted and the following resolution adopted

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[77] A Letter from Ogden Edwards Esq^{r} addressed to the Mayor was laid before the board in which he tenders to the Board the resignation of his office of Counsellor of the Corporation & presents to the Common Council his grateful acknowledgements. for the generous and friendly treatment which he had invariably experienced from them and their predecessors during the Seven Years he had the honor of being their Counsellor

The same being read Ald King presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Common Council accept the Resignation of Ogden Edwards Esq^{r} as their Counsellor and he is entitled to their thanks for his able and faithful discharge of the duties of that office

Mr Ireland presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the duties of Counsellor to this Board be performed by Michael Ulshoeffer until the further pleasure of the Common Council.

His Honor the Mayor stated that He had [78] received from the Secretary of State a certified copy of the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature entitled An Act relative to the district Attorney & other officers of Criminal Justice in the City of New York. which he read to the Board.

Alderman Hall then moved that the Board proceed to fix the Salaries of the Several officers mentioned in the Law which was approved and the following were fixed as the Salaries of the several officers hereinafter named.

To the District Attorney of the City of New York a Salary of Two thousand five hundred dollars per annum........................	$2500.
To the Clerk of the Court of Oyer & Terminer and General Sessions of the Peace a Salary of One thousand Five hundred dollars per an^{m}	$1500.
To each of the Special Justices for preserving the Peace in the City of New York a Salary of One thousand Six hundred dollars per annum	$1600.
To the Clerk of the Police office in the City of New York one thousand Two hundred and fifty dollars per annum....................	$1250.

To the Cryer of the Court of oyer & Terminer and General Sessions of the Peace in the City of [79] New York. a Salary of Two hundred dollars per annum	$200.
To the Assistant Clerk of the Police a Salary of one thousand dollars per annum	$1000.

Ald Zabriskie moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of the Special Justices for preserving the peace in the City of New York the Clerk of the Police office and the Assistant Clerk of the Police office which was agreed to. The Board accordingly Proceeded to elect by Ballot persons to fill said offices when on counting the Ballots it appeared that

James Hopson
Henry Abel &
Smith Ovutt

Were elected Special Justices

Sylvester L Hommedieu

was elected Clerk of the Police office and Resolvert Stephens Assistant Clerk to the Police office

Whereupon Ald Zabriskie presented the following resolutions which were adopted

Resolved that Henry Abell James Hopson & Smith Ovutt, be and they are hereby [80] appointed Special Justices for preserving the Peace in the City of New York, agreably to the Constitution & Laws of the State

Resolved that Sylvester L Hommedieu be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Police office in the City of New York agreably to the Constitution & Laws of the state

Resolved that Resolvert Stephens be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Police in the City of New York.

A Report was received from the Watch Committee recommending Abraham Blauvelt to be appointed Assistant of the First Watch district in place of Jonas Bush resigned Whereupon the Board proceeded by Ballot to elect a person to fill that office when Abraham Blauvelt was chosen and it was Resolved that he be appointed to said office

Ald Hall presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that South St. from Dover Street upwards be regulated and Paved.

The following resolution appointing Morris De Camp [81] Collector on Sundry Assessments in place of John G Betts was pre
by Alderman Hall Chairman of the Finance Comm^{ee} and adop

Resolved that Morris De Camp be and he is hereby appointed Collector to collect & receive the following Assessments remaining uncollected by John G Betts heretofore appointed for that purpose and who has resigned that is to say.

An Assessment for regulating Sullivan st. from Bleecker Street to Irelands line confirmed by the Common Council on the 30th day of August 1819

An Assessment for regulating McDougall St. from Bleecker to Amity St. confirmed on the 30th of August 1819.

An Assessment for paving Church Street from *from* Lispenard to Canal St. confirmed on the 8th of November 1819.

An Assessment for paving Dey St. from Greenwich to Washington st. confirmed on the 6th of Decr 1819.

An Assessment for paving Liberty st from Greenwich st to the river confirmed on the 26th December 1819

An Assessment for Regulating North street [82] from Willett st to Lewis st. confirmed on the 16th october 1820

An Assessment for paving Sullivan st from Broome to Watts st. confirmed on the 10th of Jany 1820

An Assessment for regulating and paving Chapel Street from Canal to Franklin St. confirmed 21st Feby 1820

An Assessment for Curbing & Flagging Washington St. from Carlisle to Rector St. confirmed on the 24th April 1820

An Assessment for a Sewer in Broad st. confirmed 18th Day of September 1820

An Assessment for regulating Greene St from Grand to Spring st confirmed 12th June 1820

An Assessment for regulating & paving Hubert st. from Chapel to St Johns lane confirmed 7th August 1820

An Assessment for regulating Dey st. from Washington st to the Bulkhead confirmed 27th March 1820.

An Assessment for regulating & paving St Johns Lane from Beach to Laight St. confirmed on the 7th august 1820.

An Assessment for paving Broome St. from Varick st to Sullivan st confirmed on the 21st of August 1820.

[83] An Assessment for paving Eldridge st from *from* Delancy to Broome confirmed on 11th Septr 1820.

An Assessment for a Sewer in Chapel st confirmed 16 october 1820.

An Assessment for paving Hudson St. from Canal to Spring St. confirmed 19th March 1821.

An Assessment for paving Chapel st from Franklin to Thomas St. confirmed 20th octr 1821.

An Assessment for regulating Lombardy st from Clinton St to Walnut st confirmed 6th August 1821

An Assessment for regulating Gold St. from Frankfort to Ferry St. confirmed 20 Augt 1821

An Assessment for regulating Watts Street from Varick to Sullivan St confirmed 11th June 1821

An Assessment for a Sewer in Oak street confirmed 3d Septr 1821

An Assessment for a Sewer in Batavia st confirmed 3d Septr 1821.

An Assessment for a Sewer in James street confirmed 3d Septr 1821

An Assessment for regulating Broome street from Mercer to Thompson street confirmed 12th Novr 1821.

An Assessment for regulating Dominick [84] St. from Varick to Clark Street confirmed on 12th Novemr 1821.

An Assessment for regulating and paving Thompson st. between Broome & Spring st. Confirmed 24th Decr 1821

An Assessment for regulating & paving Howard Street from Broadway to Mercer St. confirmed 21st Jany 1822.

An Assessment for a Sewer in Grand street confirmed 1st Apl 1822

An Assessment for a Sewer in Thompson street confirmed 1st April 1822.

An Assessment for regulating and paving Broome Street from Thompson to Sullivan st confirmed 24 June 1822

An Assessment for regulating & paving Wooster St from Spring to Houston st. confirmed 11 nov 1822

An Assessment for regulating & paving Clark st. from Broome to Spring st. confirmed 5th aug 1822.

An Assessment for regulating Wooster st from Canal st. half way to Grand St. confirmed 27th May 1822

An Assessment for opening Lispenard Street from Broad way towards Church St. confirmed 12th Jan 1821

An Assessment for regulating & Paving Hubert [85] from Hudson to Collister St. confirmed 22nd July 1822.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Thompson st. near Fourth St. confirmed 22nd July 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Walker St. near Church st. confirmed 31st Jany 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Laurens St. near Broome st confirmed 21st Feby 1820.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Laurens St near Bleecker st. confirmed 15th May 1820.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Willett near Rivington st. confirmed 24th May 1820.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Watts St. near Canal St. Confirmed 4th sepr 1820.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Eldridge st near Broome st confirmed on 18th Sepr 1820.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Augustus St near Pearl st. confirmed on 9th July 1821.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Beach st near Varick st confirmed 27th November 1821

[1][86] An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Broome n Mercer st confirmed 10 Dec 1821.

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in East bank st near twelfth st confirmed 4th feby 1821

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Prince near Mercer street confirmed 19th augt 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Hudson Near Dominick st confirmed 8th July 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bedford st. near Herring st confirmed 5th aug. 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Beach st near Collister st confirmed 19 aug 1822

An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Walker near Broadway confirmed 19 Augt 1822.

The following resolution was presented by Mr Thorn Chairman of the Commee on Assessment. & adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller prepare a Warrant to Chas McEvers for fifteen $^{50}/_{00}$ dollars paid the Collector of the 9th ward he having paid his tax in the 3d Ward also

The Law relative to the Establishment of a Board of Healt*h* presented at the last. [87] meeting & laid for consideration was called up and after various amendments had been proposed & considerable discussion it was finally passed making the Board to consist of the Mayor Recorder & aldermen any five of whom to make quorum & under the title of a Law to amend a Law for the establishment of a Board of Health

On motion of Ald King it was resolved that a special meeting of the Board be held on monday next 5.o.clock for the exclusive purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Commee for the revision of the Laws & Ordinances of the Corporation.

The Comptroller reported

Balance in the treasury 28 april		406.02
Received for tax of 1822 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, wards		23800.
"	Streets	3945.61
"	Rents	1443.25
"	Justices Courts	685.68
"	Excise	236.
"	Wells & Pumps	225.50
	Commutation Alien Passengers	105.
	Fines from Sheriff	5.25
		$30852.31

[88] 54 Accounts audited.

Leek & Walton watch 1st district	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d	666.75
John Burger regulating 4 Public Clocks	50.
Danl H Magee keeper of Potters field 1 mo	37.50
H Mead expences Attending Legislature on public business	100.
J. B. Yates do do do	100.
J Leonard Lists of Passengers 6 mo 1st inst	50.
P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr	410.12
A Burtis Supt Alms House & officers one Qr Salary 1st inst	537.50
George B Thorpe Keeper of City Prison & 2 deps " do	450.
Wm Hooghland Keeper of Penitenty assistants 1 Qr	537.50
Richard L Walker Physician City Prison 1 Qr	75.
R Smith Clk Washington market 1 mo	58.12
J Bremner Catharine market	56.
J Asten Sweeper Fulton "	53.59
P Ammerman Clk 6 markets	46.50
E Frost Fulton "	41.66
G DurYea Franklin	37.50
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 wards 1 Qr 1s inst	400.
E Morrell " 4. 6. " "	400.
H Scovell " 7. 10. 1 Qr	400.
H Meigs " 5 8 2 months	266.66
D M Cowdrey Clk 1. 2. 3 do	125.
G Betts 4. 6. do	187.50
J Campbell 5 & 8 2 months	125.
[89] Wm H Smith 4 & 11th wards	187.50
N Bartlett rent of Rooms 4. 6.	25.
S Titus do 7. 10.	31.25
M Ulshoeffer Atty bal due 1st inst	58.67
P H Wendover Sheriff for officers atts Court	1170.
" " " Conveyg prisrs to Peny	
S Montgomery and others Serving Subpoenas	

H Tallman Coroner fees 1 Q^{r}	$295.12
S Stillwell rent of ground for Eng N^{o} 15 in Christye st. 1 year	40.
L Richards do do N^{o} 30 in Rivington "	15.
T Barnum Work at Mud machine to 4th inst	203.31
R Ayres Earth on Pier at foot of Roosevelt	149.50
F Kain 7 marble mile stones	84.
T Lovett Act reg^{s} & pav^{s} Carmine st. fr Varick to 6th Avenue	1000.
G Tucker repair^{s} Culvert corn Varick & Carmine st	16.59
H Smith reg^{s} & pav^{s} Spring st fr Greene to Bleecker	177.15
Rich DurYea assessm^{t} on Orange st. fr Prince to Dyckmans line	25.
J Bailey filling 2 Lots on Rivington st Lien	95.55
F Cummings do 1 Lot on Stanton st "	20.21
Geo Lovett act Well in Grand st between Wooster & Laurens st	250.
G Tucker & Thomas Woodruff Acct of Wall at Battery	3000.
Becker and Brower Stone at Reef do	146.05
Becker and Brower do on outside of Wall	113.75
E. Classon 192 tons Gravel at Battery	120.
J Mapes Treas^{r} institution Deaf & Dumb	200.
[90] A Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House	5000.
Mechanics bank Bond 7 Jan^{y} 1822 $11000 & interest $242	11242.
	30.573.94
Balance	$278.37

Board adjourned

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[92] Special Meeting In Common Council May 19th 1823.

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	W^{m} H Ireland
Elisha W King	Samuel Cowdrey
James Hall	John Webb
George Zabriskie	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	W^{m} Thorn
Jacob B Taylor.	David Marsh
	George S Doughty
	George Downing

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with

Mr Ulshoeffer acting as Counsel reported for execution a Contract with the New York Gaslight Company which had been drawn agreeably to the orders of the Board under the inspection of the Finance Committee which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented for execution a lease to the Tradesmens bank for a gore of land in the 4th ward on Chatham Square adjoining ground purchased [93] by said Bank of the congregation of Sherath Israel or Hebrews society which was directed to be duly executed

A Note was received from J B Yates stating that the Lottery was to be drawn tomorrow at 5 oclock & as he was desirous it should be done as publicly as possible he requested permission to draw it on the Portico of the City Hall & he wished it done under the Superintendance of the Mayor Recorder & Ald. or such [as] can conveniently attend whereupon the same was referred to the following Committee with authority Ald Taylor Ald King Mr Ireland

A Note was received from Mr. *Hagandin* [Hagadorn] in behalf of Mrs Scudder Proprietor of the Museum enclosing yearly tickets of admission to the Museum to each member accompanied with a request that the permission to visit would be used as frequently as convenient.

The Committee on revising laws & ordinances of the Corporation reported that they had been engaged in the duty prescribed to them and in pursuance of the authority given to [94] them they had employed Mr Cowdrey as counsel to prepare the draughts of the Laws to be revised and reenacted they begged leave to report in part the following laws which had been revised, Accordingly the following laws were read and by Paragraphs approved but the final question on their enactment was postponed.

1 A Law relative to Suits & Penalties.

2 A Law for the due observance of the first day of the week called Sunday.

3 A Law to prevent the Assemblage of disorderly Persons.

4 A Law to Prevent Gambling in Public Places.

5 A Law respecting Oaths.

6 A Law to prevent Swimming and Bathing at improper times and Places

7 A Law to regulate the driving of Horses and Carriages.

8 A Law for the appointment of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties & to Provide for the security of the Public Health (Section Relative to interments laid for consideration)

9. A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the Paving and keeping in repair the and to prevent obstructions in the Public Streets.

In Considering the last law it was proposed to add a Clause directing persons discharging from [95] Manufactories and soforth large quantities of Water to convey them by lateral drains into the Common Sewer also directing Privies to be Sunk at a Certain distance from the Pumps of the City which subjects were referred to the Committee on Revision.

Board adjourned

[96] In Common Council May 26th 1823.

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	William H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty

The Minutes *of the last meeting* of the two last meetings were read and approved

A Petition of Peter Stuyvesant to be appointed foreman of the 2nd district City Watch was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of John M Devoy for appointment to the office of Assistant to the Captain of the City Watch was referred to the Watch Commee

A Petition of H Weeks stating that he considers [97] that there is money due him for two public Cisterns built by him in Broome Street & requesting an investigation was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump on Watts Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John A Graham and others that Fulton Street may be paved between Broadway & Nassau St. was read & referred to the St Commissioner

A Petition of Rewel Cunningham a fireman of Fire Engine Company No 23 complaining of his expulsion therefrom & requesting an enquiry thereon was referred to the Comee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Wait Junr complaings of an ordinance to alter & regulate the Side Walks in front of his Stable in Pearl Street was referred to the Street Commr

A Petition of James Ferdon for stall No 38 Catharine market was referred to the Market Commee

[98] A Petn of Samuel Loyd to be appointed an Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Joseph Horton for license as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Petition of James Heath for license to keep a Tavern at Catharine Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Henry Collins for stall N^o 44 Catharine market was ref^d to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Petition of John B Smith Lessee of Stall N^o 3 Catharine Market praying said Stall may be assigned to W^m B Messerve was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Morss & others residents near the proposed location of the Horse market praying the same may be located in some other place was referred to the Street Com^{ee}

A Petition of Isaac Sayre praying to be relieved from a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[99] A Pet of Benjamin R Seaman for appointment to the office of Sealer of Weights & measures was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of James P Allen to be appointed Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of and residing at the lower end of Broad st complaining of the offensiveness of the Sewer in that Street was read and ref^d to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of John N Grenzebach Lessee of lot of Common lands requesting the Same may be sold to him in fee was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N^o 39 praying that the Engine House may be enlarged was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition that Bleecker Street may be regulated from Broadway to the Bowery was ref^d to the Street Committee

[100] A Petition from the Fulton Steamboat Company requesting that new Piles may be sunk in the Slips occupied by them & the New York & Brooklyn ferry Company was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from Merseroles & Higgins praying some Compensation may be made them for their Losses on the Contract for Street Manure by the prevalence of the late Epedemic, was ref^d to the Finance Com^{ee}

A Petition of Eliphalet Wheeler to be permitted to assign lease of stall N^o 2 Fulton market to W^m N Steele was ref^d to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Larned for permission to transfer Stall N^o 30 Fulton market was referred to the market Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Waldron for appointment as inspector of Street Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition that Front Street be extended on the line from C

Slip to Market Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

[101] A Petition that the houses in Sloat lane may be numbered and the name of the Street placed on the corner of the street was referred to the Supt. of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done

A Petition of the inhabitants of Lewis Street between Grand & Broome st. praying to have the priviledge of paving said part of the Street was referred to the Street Commrs

A Petition *o*for a Well and Pump at corner of Laight & Canal St. was referred to the Ald. & Assistant of 5th ward & St. Comr

A Pet. of Thomas W Ustick to be appointed a City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Taylor a Dealer in Brooms for permission to place some from the Side Walks across the Gutter but not to incommode foot Passengers was refd to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward

A Petition of William W. Way to be licensed as a Cartman was referred to the Comee on Public offices.

[102] A Petition of John Doughty as Guardian of Samuel Dunn a minor. praying an extension of time for payment of an Assessment. on property of late Cary Dunn Decd for widening Maiden lane was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants in Broad & Canal Street recommending an experiment of R Bulkleys Purifying furnace was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A Petition of Tucker & Woodruff for payment of Balance due to them on Thompson Street Sewer was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Christopher Heyser for permission to build a Vault under the Gore of lot corner of Reede & Chamber st was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 5th ward & St Comr

A Petition of Wm James a Cartman praying to be relieved from a prosecution for fine for having received more for riding a load than was allowed by Law was referred to the Police Committee.

[103] A Petition of Doctor John L Suckley to be appointed Resident Surgeon of the Almshouse and Penitentiary was referred to the Comee on Applications

He was afterwards on Resolution appointed to the office

A Petition of Jeremiah Pangburn Collector of the 9th ward praying for further time to Collect the Taxes of said Ward & for additional Compensation as Collector was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob W Anderson to be relieved from fine for selling on the Sabbath was referred to the Police Committee.

A Letter was received from John S Westervelt resigning his office of res[i]dent Surgeon of the Alms House & Penitentiary which being read it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

An Invitation from John Vanderlyn to the Members to visit his Panoramic paint^{g} of the Garden of Versailles at the Rotunda on thursday next was presented & accepted

[104] A Remonstrance against widening Pike St was presented & referred to the St. Comm^{ee}

His Honor the Mayor Stated that as the Street Inspectors having been appointed by the Ald & Assist. of the Several wards for the purpose of carrying into effect the Provisions of said Law he thought. it would be useful to the Citizens to be informed who they were he had therefore procured a list of their names & Places of residence which he presented whereupon it was

Resolved that the same be published in the Papers employed by the Board.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder N° 3.

Daniel S. Hyde Butcher Christopher St. vice George Paulding resigned.

Peter Sturr Carpenter Greenwich vice Samuel Archer resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Henry W Clapp 319 Washington St Jeweller vice William D Craig resigned

N° 2

John Phillips Brass founder 184 Bancker st. vice Stephen R Kirby resigned

[105] N° 6.

Theodore Georck Cabinet maker Greenwich st vice Samuel Ruckel resigned

N° 7.

John Small Jeweller 1. Skinner street vice Robert Dean resigned.
Philip Smith Shoemaker 361 Pearl st. vice Thomas Dick

N^{o} 10.

Daniel H Covert. Carpenter 257 Mott st vice Charles Farrington resigned

David Delancey Cordwainer 273 Bowery vice Henry Shop resigned

Quinby Kipp Grocer 195 Bowery vice James Parker time out.

N^{o} 14.

W^{m} Manning Hatter Chatham st 24 vice Samuel Y Coles. resigned

Samuel Young Grocer 157 Water st vice George DeWitt resigned

N^{o} 22.

John Murphy Jun^{r} Brewer Bancker st. vice W^{m} Carter resigned

N^{o} 25.

W^{m} T Cook Accountant 12 Beekman st vice Abner White Resigned

David Judson Merchant 292 Pearl st vice Peter Bertine resigned

[106] Sampson C Tilley Grocer 60 market St. vice George Wardell resigned

Abraham Franklin Jun^{r} Grocer 85 White st vice George S Marschalk resigned.

N^{o} 28.

Edward Meeks Jun^{r} Merchant. Broome st John Flandreau Carpenter Elm st vacancies.

N^{o} 29.

Jacob Morris Carpenter Charles st. vice Daniel S Hyde resigned

N^{o} 30.

Isaac Rhodes Jun^{r} Butcher Rivington st. vice Nicloas Romaine time out.

Edmund Willets Cartman Eldrige st. vice John Henry, resigned

N^{o} 32.

Floyd S Penoyer. merchant. 42 Essex st. vice John Done resigned

N^{o} 33.

Edward F Briggs Plumber 383 Cherry st. vice John Louder resigned

N^{o} 36.

James Pitt House Carpenter Watts st. vice W^{m} Foster resigned

N^{o} 38.

Aaron Hyer milkman Bowery n Grand vice Lewis Brundage resigned

[107] N° 39.

Joseph Frieze Glazier Fulton st. vice Henry P Ferris resigned

James Meeker Cabinet maker White st vice Samuel J Raymond resigned

N° 42.

John Adams Sailmaker 307 Water st vice John Chapman resigned

N° 43.

John Myers Farmer Manhattanville vice Gilbert Myers resigned

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Pet. of Clement C Moore presented a report which was referred to the Counsel.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on Assessments for building a Bulk Head at Fly market st & for altering and improving Orange st. from Prince st to Dyckmans line Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collecting the Same.

He also presented an Assessment for Well & Pump in Grand St near Broadway which was confirmed & N Jarvis appointed Collector

[108] The St. Commissioner also presented an Assessment for Well & Pump in Carmine st near Herring st which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis app^d Collector.

He also presented An Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bleecker street near Broad Way which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz^t

For a well and Pump in Provoost St near Hudson St. & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Jun^r & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors. Also for regulating Asylum Christopher Amos Charles & Perry St. in Greenwich village & J Kip John Salisbury & John Targee were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating & Paving Bleecker St between Broadway & Carmine St. and Benjamin Prince John Targee & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating & Paving South St. from Dover st to Roosevelt Slip & Ab. Dally, Benjamin Prince & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented a report on lots of J R Livingston Whereupon he [109] was directed to cause the Nuisance to be abated. and he was directed also to report the situation of the Lots at Manhattan Island.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed. Viz^{t}

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances

N° 1	Eagle Fire Insurance Co.	Owners	58	Lumber st	A Lot
2	Gabriel Chase	do		Ridge st	do
3	Mrs Few	Agent		Pitt st	do
4	Edw^{d} Morris	do		Grand st [& Elm]	do
5	Thomas Barrow	Agent		Greenwich	do
6	George McKay	owner	501	Greenwich	do
7	Sam^{l} Whiting	do	488	do	do
8	John K Beekman	do		Market st [& Banker]	do
9	W^{m} B Crosby	Agent		Pike & Lombardy	do
10	do	do		do do	
11	do	do		do *do* [& Banker]	
12	do	do	85	Lombardy	do
13	Maturin Livingston	Owner		Stanton st	do
14	D°	do		Rivington	do
15	D°	do		Arundel	do
16	W^{m} J Waldron	do		Cannon st	do
17	C J Bogert	do		Forsyth st	do
18	[110] S D Beekman	do		West st	do
19	Anthony Day	do		Crosby st	do
20	Augustus Floyd	Agent		West st	do
21	N Goodman	Lessee		Sheriff	D°
22	Charity Nostrand	Owner		Eldridge	do
23	E R Jones	Agent		Washington st	do
24	Josiah Strong	do		do	do
25	John Dietz	Owner		Spring & Wooster st	do

George Cumming City Insp^{r}

The Comptroller presented the following on Account of R Graves for work on the Roads.

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the Account of R Graves Street Commissioner for work done at the roads from 12 November 1821 to 31 December 1822 He received by Warrants during that time	$4494.34
And Expended agreably to his account examined & Certified by the Road Committee on the 14 Inst	4550.66
Making a balance in favour of the Street Commissioner 31 Decem^{r} 1822 of	56.32

Which is carried to new Account

(Signed) G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which was ordered to be filed

He also presented the following Annual report [111] of the Superintendant of the Alms House

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board the Annual reports of the Superintendant of the Alms House Bridewell and Penitentiary showing the number of Paupers that have been admitted into the Alms House from the first day of April 1822 to (including those at that time in the House) the 1st day of April 1823. and the number discharged from and who have died in the house during the same period Also the number of Paupers now in the house designating their Sex & places of birth. The Prisoners & Vagrants in the Bridewell & Penitentiary: the Maniacs in the Bloomingdale Asylum at the Expense of the Alms House Also an acct. of Donations distributed to the Out door poor by the Superintendant and Commissioners during the time aforesaid.

Signed G N Bleecker Compt

Annual Report of the Superintendant of the Alms Bridewell & Penitentiary of the City of New York: shewing the number of Paupers that have been admitted into the Alms House from the 1st day of April 1822 (including those at that time in the house) [112] to the 1st of April 1823: and the number of discharged from and died in the house during that period also the number of Paupers now in the house designating their Sexes and places of birth: the Prisoners and Vagrants in the Bridewell & Penitentiary the Maniacs in the Bloomingdale Asylum at the expense of the Alms House also an account of Donations distributed to the Out door Poor by the Supt and Commissioners during the time aforesaid

Paupers in & admitted into the Alms House from the 1st day of April 1822 to the 1st day of April 1823	3359
Do. discharged 1548 died 285 total	1833
Remaining in the house Ap. 1th 1823	1526

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	total	City of N York	State of N York	United states	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	West Indies	Africa	Total
486	487	320	233	1526	713	95	137	89	38	340	72	14	11	8	1526

Number of Prisoners & Vagrants in Bridewell on the 1st day of April 1823.		
	men	78
	women	35

Number of Prisoners & Vagrants in the Penitentiary on the 1st day of April 1823.	men	221	
	women	130	total 351
Number of Maniacs in the Alms House and [113] Bloomingdale Asylum April 1. 1823			
In Alms House	men	29	
Bloomingdale Asym	women	33	total 62
Cash distributed to Out door poor from the 30th of April 1822 to 30th of April 1823			$2843.38
distributed 2358 loads of wood carting & piling			4877.91
do 4334½ bushels of Potatoes & Carting			1082.50
total			8803.79
Bloomingdale Hospital account for support of female maniacs the last twelve months			3015.32

Arthur Burtis Supt

New York April 1st 1823.

Which report of Supt was ordered to be published for the use of the members of the board.

The Attorney presented a report stating that the Contracts for the Street manure for the first & Second District were not yet completed but that he had been assured that they would be completed tomorrow which was directed to be laid on the table

He also presented the following on Captains of Vessels who had neglected to report & give bonds for Passengers.

The Attorney of the Board represents the case of the Barque Sarah & Louisa: Some [114] time ago Captain Colvin of that vessel was proceeded against for not completing his bonds for passengers but he was not found. Mr Basetto the owner has since been Written to on the subject and has completed the Bonds and paid the Costs of the suit against the Captain

In the Case of the Brig Arethusa Captain Robinson on being written to. reported his passengers and paid the Costs

Captain Phillips of the Brig Ruby has likewise complied in the same manner. as likewise has Captain Matthews of the Brig Nancy Captain Johnson of the Schooner Cicero Captain Crothers of the Brig Leopard Captain Spring of the Brig Julia Captain Coffin of the Brig Vulture & Captain Nickerson of the Sloop Mechanic

Under these Circumstances the remission of the penalties is respectfully recommended.

(Signed.) M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the penalties in these cases were remitted

He also presented the following Leases

The Attorney of the Board reports an assignment of a Lease to James B Requa of a lot on Spring St. late Brannon St. Also a bond [115] and mortgage for part of the consideration money these papers have been prepared according to the direction of the Comptroller the Assignment is to be executed by the Corporation

Signed M. Ulshoeffer.

Which Assignment was directed to be executed

He also presented leases to James & George Brookes which were directed to be executed.

His Honor the Mayor as president of the Board of Health presented the following report from the Board on an Amendment to the Law relative to Interments

The Board of Health to whom was referred the Law on the subject of Interring the dead beg leave to report.

That they have again had the subject under consideration and are still of opinion that the Ordinance which they had the honour Of presenting to the Common Council and which was referred to them under the restriction that the report must Receive the Sanction of the majority of the Whole Board of Health ought to be passed and they therefore now present it to the Board for [116] their consideration

Stephen Allen
Jacobus Dyckman
Jacob B Taylor
Signed Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
James Hall
Henry Mead

Viz^{t} A Law to amend A Law passed March 31st 1823. respecting the interment of the Dead.

Be it ordained. By the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened That if any person or persons Shall between the 1st day of June next and the 1st day of November thereafter inter or cause to be interred or deposited any dead body or Corpse in any Vault or tomb to the South of a line designated by the Act hereby Amended Every Person shall forfeit and Pay for every such offence the Sum of two hundred and fifty dollars

And be it further ordained That no Corpse or Dead body shall between the 1st day of april and the 1st day of November in any hereafter be interred or deposited in any Vault or tomb South of the aforesaid line under the penalty of Two hundred and fifty [117] dollars for each offence

And be it further Ordained that no Corpse or dead body Shall be interred or deposited in any Vault or tomb which may be built or constructed south of the aforesaid line after the passage of this ordinance under the penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars for each and every offence And be it further ordained that every Sexton or person having charge of any burying ground Cemetery or Church yard in this City shall cause the vaults or tombs which may be opened to be securely and well closed and covered with earth not less than two feet deep within twenty four hours after the deposit of any corpse or dead body therein under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each and every offence

And be it further ordained that the Second Section of the Law hereby amended be and the same is hereby repealed

Mr Thorn moved that the Consideration be postponed until November next. this motion was negatived After Considerable debate had thereon—the question was taken on the first Clause and the Ayes & [118] Noes having been called thereon, the members Voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald King. McQueen Mr St. John Cowdrey. Webb Parker Thorn Marsh Doughty. 10.

Negative. Ald Wyckoff Hall Zabriskie Taylor Dyckman Mead Messrs Bolton & Ireland 8.

So it passed in the Negative

Ald King then moved that the Law be negatived the question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Ald & Assistant of 5th ward & Street Commr on Petition *o*for a Well at north west Corner of Provoost & Hudson St. reported in favour of Petitioner which was read & laid on the table.

The Committee of Repairs presented the following

The Committee of Repairs have examined the fence of the Public Yard between Franklin and Leonard St. and are of opinion it ought to be repaired and therefore offer the following resolution for the Consideration of the Common Council

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed hereby to repair the fence that incloses the Public Yard aforesaid as soon as [119] may be agreable to the annexed Estimate

Signed John Webb
Ge [illegible] wning
[illegible]

Which was approved and the Sup^{t} of Repairs directed to repair the Same

The Street Committee on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant & others to appoint Commission^{rs} to carry into effect the law to provide for the permanent regulation of certain Streets in the City of New York presented a report which was read & laid on the table.

The Same Committee on the petition for regulating 13th St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the within petition for working 13th St. from the Bowery to the North River

Report.

that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved that 13th Street be worked so as to form a good & sufficient Road from the Bowery to the North River and that the [120] Street Commissioner report an ordinance in order that it may be carried into Effect

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel on Amity St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel to the Board respecting the opening of Amity Street stating that the Assessment had been confirmed and recommending the appointment of a Collector

Report.

their opinion in the following resolution

Resolved that the Collection of the Assessm^{t} for opening of Amity St. be entered upon forthwith and that Noah Jarvis be appointed the Collector thereof

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and Noah Jarvis was appointed the Collector of the Assessment.

[121] The Street Committee on the petition of John Ireland reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition

Ireland for an extension of the time for him to remove from the house he now occupies and which is to be removed to open & extend Amity Street

Report,

That inasmuch as the Street would be impassable if the building was removed until regulated they see no impropriety in suffering him to remain possession. for the present or until the first of November next if it should not be convenient for him to remove sooner. Your Committee at the same time recommend that the buildings so to be removed be sold in all the month of June ensuing conditioned to be taken down immediately after they shall cease to be occupied by Mr Ireland and that the Earth in the Street be removed to the Potters field which requires considerable filling being much too low for the permanent regulation of the adjoining Streets: from the foregoing considerations your Committee offer the following resolutions

Resolved that John Ireland be permitted [122] to continue to occupy the buildings in Amity Street until the first day of November next

Resolved, that the buildings on Amity St. and which were taken to open the same be sold at public Auction in the month of June ensuing to be removed immediately after the first of November next.

Resolved that the Surplus earth in Amity Street belonging to this Corporation be applied to the filling up & regulating the Grounds of Potters field.

Signed Jacob B Taylor.
David Marsh
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on the Alms House & Penitentiary presented the following report.

The Committee on so much of the Communication of his Honor the Mayor in Jan^{y} last to the Common Council as relates to the Alms House and Penitentiary

Respectfully Report.

That they have attended as far as has been in their power to the duties of their appointment by examination & enquiry [123] into the Concerns of those Institutions. The Subjects thereby presented are among the most interesting and difficult in the range of Political enquiry. Poverty and Criminalty are the necessary attendants upon social life. And the duty of meliorating and reforming where it is possible is largely devolved upon this Corporation who are charged with the interests of more than 130000 inhabitants of various pursuits & Callings occupying a point of land easily accessible and holding out temptations & allurements no less to the daring the profligate and the needy adventurer than to the enterprising the industrious or the oppressed inhabitant of the Civilised World.

We are Consequently not behind other Cities of equal numbers and in Circumstances otherwise similar in the Catalogue of mendicity & Crime. And while we have to boast of our admirable Situation for trade and Commerce the public spirit of our Citizens and a State of general prosperity the reverse of the picture may be seen in the destitute and abandoned situation of many [of] the houses of [124] relief and punishment that have become necessary the Constant accumulations to these arising Chiefly from indolence & profligacy and the heavy demands that are consequently made upon the industrious the prudent and the exemplary portions of our Inhabitants for their Support.

The two establishments of the Alms House & Penitentiary at Bellevue correspond in point of situation quantity of ground, and size of the buildings with the objects for which they were designed. And it would Seem at first view that these Institutions might furnish temptations to their respective Inhabitants to gain admission and having been admitted to remain tenants during life. This however has no foundation in reality. Upon an examination of either, the Visitor is reminded that the one is intended only as a temporary relief against the immediate wants occasioned by actual poverty except as to the very young, and those who are crippled or insane or who are bending beneath the weight of years. & Infirmities and as to these the provision is of a permanent description. And in the other that as the passage way to it lies only [125] through Criminality, so, nothing but the just effects of this namely privation toil & Suffering Can be experienced within its dreary abodes

Your Committee beg leave to say a few things respecting each separately.

First of the Alms House

This was visited by your Committee on the 23^{d} day of April last There were at that time belonging to it.

Men	405
Women	446
Boys	307
Girls	218

Classed as follows.

Men.	Sound	9	Women	Sound	37
	Blind	10		Blind	18
	Cripples	20		Cripples	8
	Consumption	5		Consumption	14
	Debility	13		Debility	50
	Fits	6		Fits	17
	Idiots	24		Idiots	32
	Old age	111		Old age	105
	Lame	31		Lame	23
	Rheumatism	17		Rheumatism	22
	Palsy	15		Palsy	18
	Rupture	12		Scald head	3
	Stricture	3		Scrofula	2
	Scrofula	2		Nervous	3
[126]	nervous	2		Hospital	63
	Hospital	96		Lying in Ward	31
	Insane	30			
	total men	405		women	446

women	446
Boys	307
Girls	218
total	1376

Of the Men there were employed as follows

orderly Men	21
Wood Yard	6
Bake House	5
Wash house	3
Gardeners	5
Smith Shop	4
Carpenters	3
Wheel wrights	2
Gate Keepers	6
Cartmen	4
Weavers	5
Shoe Shop	15
Mill house	2
Labouring	12
Cook Kitchen	6
Cooper Basket & Turner	3
Factorymen & Boys	36
Oakum House from	5 to 50
Taylors	6
[127] Barbers	5
Apothecary	3
Schoolmasters	4
total	[illegible]

Women Employed

Nurses & Assistants	50
Spinners	15
Scrubbers	10
Washing & Ironing	28
Knitters	25
Seamsters	35
Kitchen	4
Middle House do	2
total	169
Men & Women total	342

From these statements it appears that but few of the adult Paupers are Capable of doing much to wards the earning of their Support. Those who are well perform their full portion of Labour and those who though blind Crippled or otherwise infirm are Capable of rendering any assistance in the general business of the house, and attention to other paupers are put to such services as their health and Strength will allow.

This House is no place for Idleness the very [128] aged & Infirm do not indeed labour in the ordinary Sense and their afflictions are relieved by the kind treatment they receive and comfortable sustenance that is furnished to them Your Committee here cannot omit a notice of the evident good management that pervades this department The Superintendant is received by them as they lie on their beds or sit at their tables with unfeigned gratitude & respect. To each he has some good word to say He inquires into their wants with cordiality and if anything extra is required it is immediately furnished

It was a subject of remark that the Old and infirm spend much of their time in reading their Bible And a better Commentary cannot be made upon this Volume than that while the pleasures of life and its Pursuits are receding And Cares are pressing and the Grave is opening and Eternity is Exhibiting its Solemn realities do the plain Simple unadorned truths it contains appear to become more and more Consolatory and to Cast a cheering light upon the dark Valley and Shadow of Death. Scenes and Effects like these may be witnessed at any time in the New York Alms House.

[129] The Children also receive a full share of the attention of the officers having charge of this Institution There are four schools in which they are taught the most useful branches comprehending reading writing & the fundamental rules of Arithmetic They appear to be in excellent Health and their Habits are

regular When they arrive at suitable ages they are bound out as apprentices pursuant to the Act of the Legislature

The attention of the Commissioners and Superintendant appears to be indefatigably engaged to produce the greatest sum of utility and advantage to the public and to the paupers under their Care. and one Law appears to prevail the Law of Kindness Connected with a persevering determination that the Institution shall neither be inviting to Indolence on the One hand nor forbidding to those who are really unfortunate and driven there by necessity, on the other.

Your Committee have made Sufficient inquiry also into the expenditures of the Commissioners and Superintendant to satisfy them that due attention is paid to Economy on their part

The details cannot be stated without unduly Swelling this report; the members of the board [130] Can readily be satisfied on this point by examining the accounts and Vouchers at the office of the Superintendant and to these the Committee respectfully refer.

Your Committee will close their remarks respecting the Alms House by observing that the habit of living and Eating and in Some instances Cooking in the Sleeping rooms of the Paupers is an obvious and at the same time an unavoidable defect. It Cannot be doubted that many ill effects are occasioned by this practice: but while the number of Paupers remains as great as it now is this Inconvenience must Continue or the House be Enlarged.

Second.

Of the Penitentiary

The Establishment and the Points connected with its Government and the Principles which lie at the foundation of the Penitentiary system present topics of Investigation far more deep and Comprehensive than any Establishment for the relief of the Poor or than any question connected with Simple Pauperism Can furnish or occasion

Upon this subject as upon many others it is much more easy to censure and Condemn [131] than to produce sound and satisfactory Correctives to existing evils All will agree that as yet no sufficient rule has been discovered or applied for the reformation of offenders or to deter others by the force of examples Long periods of confinement Hard Labour as it is called Infamous & even Capital Punishments have not effected the desired object. Crimes have still been perpetrated and torrents of human blood have rolled in vain in Countries w[h]ere the penal Code has been Sanguinary and vindictive And in our favored Country where the opposite System has prevailed and the reformation of offenders has been proposed to be sought by milder methods it is not yet found that better Consequence have been produced.

Penitentiaries or houses of Correction as they have been hitherto conducted it is confidently believed have produced every thing else but real Penitence or Correction. Though privation and disappointment are experienced by the Convicts these effects are accompanied with increased malignancy of Dispositions and deeper Shades of depravity and Guilt from the associations that are formed with kindred [132] minds or those of a more debased and hardened texture and from the operation of time itself upon tempers and propensities already vicious and abandoned when the point of suffering is past, and the mind from the utmost pitch of feeling begins to descend into the opposite State of obduracy. There is a natural Vibration and recuperative faculty in human mind and when it cannot borrow Courage from hope, it will too often try what resolution may be gained from despair.

The Corrective that remains to be attempted in the opinion of your Committee in Cases not Capital is solitary Confinement under proper and judicious limitations and with reference to youth and inexperience or the Capacity for reflection on the part of the Convict and other Considerations which must govern a wise and discriminating Court of Justice in the exercise of this Powers.

The Common Council of this City have much in their power on this important Subject. It is composed of a Majority of Magistrates who preside in a Court of extensive criminal jurisdiction. If these Members who are judges should after full Consideration sanction the Experiment the Common Council might second their views. [133] by the erection of a suitable number of Cells for the purpose of imposing this mode of Punishment. In these Cells secluded from the light of Day. and next to the light of Day shut out from the face of any living [being] except of the keeper and doomed not even to hear him Speak the voice of Conscience that inward and universal monitor wou'd be heard by the Convict in tones not loud but deep and after it had excited a disposition and determination to reform & while the subject of this operation should be overwhelmed with Contrition if at the Same time it should be said to him or her "Go and Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee" there might be some probability that the stings of Conscience would be continued and its pangs felt at least for some space of time after the Imprisonment should have ceas
offender should return to his evil Courses alonger ;

might be assigned—and for the third offence he might be pronounced incorrigible and be *be* placed where he is now placed to herd with his brethren in Crimes, and in Chains and to linger out Years of hardihood and [134] to form plans of future mischief which Death might Cut Short before the period of their perpetration should arrive.

With regard to the management of the present penitentiary it is as judiciously and as well performed as the Nature of the System under which it is placed will allow.

The number of Prisoners confined in the penitentiary on the 23^d^ day of April last was.

Males	191
females	113
total	304
Vagrant males	72
do females	79
total	151
Males Sick	21
Females do	20
total	41
total number of Boys	32

The Committee Cannot Conclude without especially Commending the Stepping Mill as an Instrument of Punishment. The subjects condemned to it become exhausted Spiritless and humbled under its operation—and it appears well calculated to deter and frighten *many* away from the Establishment all who are put upon it when the expiration of their [135] Sentence arrives. If Solitary confinement cannot be thoroughly adopted perhaps more stepping mills would be found to answer the invaluable purpose of preventing the Commission of Crimes by the influence of the fear and dread of this wholesome but severe corrective whatever may be said of the Personal reformation of offenders.

Respectfully Submitted
Samuel Cowdrey
Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor
E W King
George S Doughty.

Which was read and directed to be published in the papers **employed by the Board.**

The Finance Committee to whom was refer'ed the memorial of the Mechanics society soliciting a donation to the apprentices Library reported. as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of the Committee of the Mechanics Society for a donation in aid of the Apprentices Library Beg leave to Report

that in consequence of the [136] exhausted State of the treasury and the extreme caution with which your Committee deem it their duty to act. when they are distributing and disposing of the earnings of their fellow Citizens they have hesitated and delayed for a considerable time to report on the above application: But the Committee feeling a deep sense of the great & important benefit to be derived from a general diffusion of literary knowledge in the Community and believing that the institution for which your aid is now solicited bids fair to be promotive of that great object they cannot but recommend that a Small donation of one hundred dollars at least be made to the institution for the purchase of Books such as the trustees may deem useful

the following resolution is therefore respectfully recommended.

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to issue his warrant for the Sum of One hundred dollars to be paid to the Committee appointed by the Mechanics Society to superintend the Apprentices library which shall be appropriated for the purchase [137] of Books exclusively

(Signed) James Hall
Samuel Cowdrey
W^m^ H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition for the removal of the Essex market presented a report which was read and laid on the table.

The Same Committee to whom was referred the resignation of John G Betts one of the Collectors of Assessments presented the following report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the resignation of John G Betts one of the Collectors of Assessments dated February 24th 1823 Setting forth that the profits of his office were too small to supply the wants of his growing family: That his health was erably impaired and that Several assessments remained in unclosed that it was impossible for him to close them and desiring that some other person might be appointed to complete the same

Respectfully Report.

that they immediately [138] took measures to ascertain whether there was any deficiency in his returns & payments of the monies he had collected. An Arrangem^{t} was speedily entered into between his Counsel and the Counsel of the Board authorising the investigation of his Books and papers by persons appointed by the Corporation together with Mr Betts. The Committee selected for that purpose Mr George B Smith Dep^{y} St. Comm^{r} and Mr Morris Decamp One of the Collectors of Assessments on the part of the Corporation who proceeded immediately to examine said accounts which they found to be in a very deranged state insomuch that it was with great difficulty and required immense labour to arrive at the true and final result. It. [was] however after a Considerable lapse of time ascertained that Mr Betts was deficient in his payments of the monies he had collected in the sum of 7040 dollars $^{8}/_{100}$. The Sureties of Mr Betts are Mr Clarkson Crolius Esq^{r} and Mr John Limberger Mr Crolius is on four bonds on which the ascertained deficiency is 297 dollars $^{79}/_{100}$. Mr Limberger is on 32 Bonds on which the ascertained deficiency is 4623. dollars $^{45}/_{100}$. And there remains a balance of \$2137.$^{88}/_{100}$ for which [139] no securities have been taken. The bonds against Mr Crolius and Mr Limberger have been placed in the hands of the Counsel of the Board who has written to them both as well as to Mr Betts demanding payment for the Same. He has had an Interview with Mr Crolius who expressed a willingness to pay but requested an indulgence of Six months. He has received a proposition from Mr Limberger to assign to the Corporation two houses in Hudson street which were assigned to him by Mr Betts and which he says are worth 5000 dollars But they are mortgaged for 3000. dollars Mr Limberger states that he is not able to pay any thing further to the Corporat^{n} than the above property. Mr Betts states that he has no other property than the above mentioned two houses and lots which he has assigned to Mr Limberger He further States that on or about the 26th of April 1822 he lost his Pocket book in the lower part of the City containing about 4334 dolls of the monies which he had Collected for the Corporation And he has never found it or any part of it since His reasons for not making the matter publicly known [140] until this time are given by himself in his affidavit accompanying this report; which His Honor the Mayor is requested to read; From the above facts and circumstances above set forth it must appear obvious to the Board that the public Interest is Jeopardised to a very serious amount by Mr Betts and his Security say to the Amount of $5000. And it is proper here to State some other facts Namely that a balance of $11.643 $^{98}/_{100}$ has been returned by Mr Betts as uncollected and Mr De Camp has been appointed to collect the Same. If any part of this amount is discovered to have been collected and actually received by Mr Betts. the Same must be charged to his sureties and must be added to the deficiency estimated above at $7040 $^{8}/_{100}$ And your Committee have this day been informed by Mr De Camp that about $250 of the amount So returned as uncollected has already been discovered to have been collected & received by Mr Betts. How much more may have been so received can only be known when Mr Decamp shall have completed the collection of the Sums returned as uncollected by Mr Betts the Committee have instructed the Counsel to [141] pursue such measures as the Law directs for the Collection of the amount due from Mr Betts & Mr Limberger Your Committee forbear to remark upon the Conduct of Mr Betts further than to say that the fact of his having 4000 Dollars of the Public money in his possession at one time is but too good evidence that he was not in the habit of making his returns and payments according to Law. And the confused and irregular manner in which he kept his accounts which was manifested by the examination of his papers betrayes on his part a laxness and inattention to the duties of his office and a disregard to the Public Welfare which is wholly unjustifiable in any public Officer And it is hoped that the present occurrence of so severe a loss to the Public will serve to call the attention of every collector of public monies to the importance of making his returns & payments agreably to the requirements of the Law. All which is respectfully submitted.

James Hall
George Zabriskie
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey.

[142] The Same being read it was directed to be filed and it was resolved that the subject of the defalcation of Mr Betts & also the Consideration of the Provision to be made by Law for the taking of Securities from Collectors of Assessments be referred to the Committee on revising the Laws

The Finance Committee on the petition of Hickson Wilson. for extension of time for payment of an Assessment reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hixon Wilson praying an extension of the time of payment for about 4 months of an Assessment on his property at Greenwich

Report. that the petitioner has in a former petition represented to the Board that he is a looser to the amount of $200 by building the New Watch house in Wooster Street. The Buildings having cost him $200 more than the amount of his Contract with the Corporation And that Your Committee to whom that petition which was for relief to the amount of damages said to be so sustained was also referred did not conceive it to be their duty to report in favour of Granting such relief inasmuch as they had not sufficient [143] proof of the facts set forth in said petition Your Committee would however recommend that inasmuch as the said Hickson Wilson may have been a loser by the Building of said Watch house his present request of an extension of the time of payment of his assessment be granted and offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted .

The Finance Committee on the petition of Thomas Ash Ext^{r} of Elizabeth Ash dec^{d} for extension of time for payment of an Assessment on Maidenlane reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Ash Sole Executor of Elizabeth Ash deceased Praying an Extension of time of payment of an Assessment on House and Lot N^{o} 125 Fly market St until the tenth day of [144] November next for 730 dollars respectfully

Report:

That they have maturely considered the reasons offered by the Said Petitioner as the ground of his request But Your Committee do not conceive them sufficient to justify a departure from the uniform practice in Collecting Assessments.

They therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Sam^{l} Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the several petitions of Peter Nodine Anna Johnson & John Bingham reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petitions of Peter Nodine, Anna Johnson, & John Bingham praying to be relieved from the Payment of part of their taxes

Report

that in the Case of Peter Nodine [145] he being an Artilleryman supposed that his House and lot was exempt from tax to the Amount of $500, in the Case of Anna Johnson She was informed by the Assessors of the Amount at the time the Assessment was made when she made no objections: and in the Case of John Bingham he states that he is assessed more than he was last year but produces no proof of his Assessment being more than it ought to be in the Cases above cited your Comm^{ee} are of opinion that no relief ought to be granted & respectfully offer the follow^{g} resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners

Signed William Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of W^{m} Gale reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William Gale praying to be released from a part of his Personal Tax.

Report.

That from a Certificate of the Assessors & from other information your Committee are of opinion that relief ought to be granted and beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Arrears of taxes receive from

Wm Gale a personal tax on $100 and return the residue in the list of Errors and Insolvencies (Signed) William Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Jacob Slocumb reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was refd the petition of Jacob Slocumb praying to have the tax refunded from one of the wards having paid his tax in the 3d & 5th wards

Report.

That your committee are of opinion that the tax paid in the 3d ward ought to be refunded they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller prepare a Warrant for two dollars Seventy Cents in favour of Jacob Slocumb being the amount paid the [147] Collector of the third ward

William Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred a Memorial of owners of a line of Packets plying between this City & Boston presented a report which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Doughty presented the following resolution

Resolved that Doctor John Suckley be and he is hereby appointed Resident Surgeon in and for the Alms House & Penitentiary at Bellevue which was adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The following resolution was proposed & adopted

Resolved that notwithstanding anything contained in the Law to regulate Partition fences & walls passed April 2. 1821. it shall be lawful for every dispute to be determined by the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward jointly Or severally.

The Comptroller reported as follows.

[148] Balance in the treasury 12th inst	$278.37
Received for tax of 1822. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, wards	22300.
" Streets	10300.
" Rents	3675.15
" Excise	3600.
	$40.153.52

57 Accounts audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st distt.	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower 3d	645.75
J. J. Astor Ground rent for Watch house Spring st 6 months 1st inst in full	15.
G N Bleecker Compr 1 Qr Salary 15th inst	437.50
J Fleming tressr 3 Qr 19 april	300.
J P Roome Supt repairs 1 Qr 14 inst	250.
T. J. Waters Clk Comprs office 1 Qr 24th inst	200.
Thomas Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr 18th inst	125.
B Skaats Keeper City Hall 1 Qr 24th inst	100.
do do Expenses of Corporation	236.29
Cantine & Leake Advertisg sundry notices Albany Argus	8.65
Hugh Maxwell distt Attory saly 16 march to 12 may inclusive	466.67
Richard Hatfield Clk of Sessions 2 mar. to 12 may do	388.89
Geo B Raymond for officers conveying prisoners to City Prison 1 Qr 1st inst	139.50
Richard Hatfield Clk of Sessions to pay Witns to 12 may inclusive	23.75
B Skaats Crier of Courts Sessions 2 mar to 12 may	19.44
[149] Ald Wyckoff attending sessions 12 days in Jany	36.
Ald King do 12 do	36.
Ald Hall do 12 Feby	36.
Ald Zabriskie do 24 " & mar	72.
Ald McQueen do 12 march	36.
Ald Taylor do 36 dec. ap. may	108.
Ald Mead do 36 " " "	108.
James Hopson Special Justice salary 26 Feb to 12 may	158.33
Henry Abell do " " "	158.83
Josiah Hedden do " " "	158.33
Geo. B Rapalye Clk Police " "	158.33
R Stephens Assist Clk	168.89
George B Rapalye Clk Police expenses 1st Jany to 1st of May inclusive	17.25
Jacob Hays for officers Conveying prisrs to Peny 1 Qr 26 may	21.50
do do for officers Extra services Police	185.09
Jesse Howard room for Court 5, 8, Wards 1 year	100.
William G Bull rent for Court 1, 2, 3 wards 1 Qr	34.25
Wm R Dinsmore Clk issuing tavern licenses 15 days	26.25
Wm King Marshall attending do do	17.50
Haydock Jenkins 20 Casks of Oil	820.25
Hussey & Mackay 12 do do	623.28
Wm C Barker	453.15
Thomas Barnum supg work at mud machine	129.63
Chas McEvers tax refunded 9th ward	15.50
H Smith act. regg & pavg Prince st fr B.Way. to McDougl	400.
H Cochrane do do Stanton fr Ludlow to Willett st	300.
C Mooney do do Mercer fr Howard to Prince	200.
[150] H Weeks Acct Building Cisterns Broome st. front of Central Church	100.

W^{m} Fairchild inspect^{s} pavement Mercer fr Prince to Bleecker......	$26.76
James Gallagher 1st paym^{t} Well & Pump Bleecker st n Broadway....	71.25
George Charlton do Greene n Houston st......	57.66
Robert Pettigrew 1st payment Well Amity n Wooster st.............	57.66
do do do Houston n Sullivan.............	29.87
Thomas Lovett act filling at Battery..................................	1800.
R Graves st Com^{r} Repairs of Roads.................................	500.
J P Roome sup^{t} Repairs for Pump dep..............................	180.
do do do Repairs	998.
do do do Docks & Slips..........................	5384.14
Arthur Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House....................................	5000.
Mechanics bank bonds 17th sep 1822 $11500, 15th oct^{r} $3500 & int^{t}.....	15,365.
	$38961.14
Balance	1.1,92.38

Board adjourned

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[152] Special Meeting In Common Council June 2nd 1823

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St John
Elisha W King	W^{m} H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Henry Mead	W^{m} Thorn
	George S Doughty.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The Committee appointed to revise the Laws and Ordinances of the Corporation in pursuance of the duty confided presented a further report of the following laws which were read and approve^{d} but the final question on their passing was postponed

1 A Law for the Appointment of a City Inspector

2 A Law to regulate the Compensation of Assessors

3 A Law to regulate Surveyors.

4 A Law prescribing the duties of the Comptroller & Chamberlain

5 [153] A Law directing the duties of the Clerk of the Common Council and for other purposes

6 A Law to regulate the sale of Firewood, for the Appointment of Inspectors thereof & for the Division of the City into Inspection districts

7. A Law relative to the Public Seals

8 A Law relative to public Porters.

9 A Law relative to persons licensed by the Mayor to retail Spirituous liquors.

10 the Law relative to Weig[h]masters Measurers & Inspectors was laid for consideration.

11 A Law to regulate the sale of Certain wares

12 A Law to regulate the Manufacture & sale of Bread

13 A Law to regulate Inspection & Sale and Cartage of Lime.

14 A Law to regulate Sale of Coal

15 A Law to regulate the sale of Horses and to prevent their running loose and racing.

16 A Law to regulate the sale Cartage & Insp^{n} of Manure exported from the City & for other purposes.

17 A Law making provision for the redemption of the N. York City Stock.

18 A Law for preventing & extinguishing fires.

19 A Law to regulate the City Watch.

20. A law for the regulation of a City Prison & Bridewell & for the appointment of a keeper thereof.

21 [154] A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches & Carriages.

22 A Law to regulate the Carting and Sale of Hay

23 A Law concerning Dogs.

24 A Law to prevent the ringing & tolling of Bells

25 A Law to regulate Sales at auction

26 A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen.

27 A Law to regulate the removal of Filth and Dirt from the City &c passed 21st of april last

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Several petitions of Abrah^{m} Henega Reuben Dickinson Joseph Horton & W^{m} Way praying to be licensed as Cartmen reported in their favor as follows.

The Committee on Public offices to whom was referred the Several petitions of Abraham Henneger Reuben Dickinson Joseph Horton & William Way praying to be licensed as Cartmen Report that neither of the petitioners Come within the rules which have been judiciously prescribed by the mayor to entitle them to be licensed as of course but from a full investigation your Com^{ee} are satisfied that the petitioners are men of good character and so circumstanced as in the opinion of your Committee it would be a just and hon^{ble} act
Com. Council to recommend to his hon^{r} the Mayor to gra

licenses on the terms prescribed by law to which end your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it be recommended to his Honor the Mayor to grant licenses as Cartmen to [155] Abraham Henneger Reuben Dickinson Joseph Horton and William Way on their entering into Bond with Surety to be approved by him in the manner required by Law

(Signed) E W King
S Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} Thorn

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

A Petition of Samuel Dayton Executor the Estate of Catalina Fowler dec^{d} requesting further time for payment of an Assessment laid for opening Maiden lane was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Wilson & David Carpenter Securities of Samuel W Kelly for rent of Cellar under Fulton market praying a remission of the rent due thereon was ref^{d} to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Boardman praying release from a judgement recovered against him for not taking out an Excise license & [156] on which he is imprisonned was referred to the Police Committee with powers. &c.

A Petition of Joseph Dean for permission to remove a house on truck from Church st to Watts St was referred to the Ald^{n} & Assistant of 3^{d} & 8th wards with authority to grant prayer.

A Petition of Cary Dunn Jun^{r} requesting an extension of time to the 1st of novem^{r} next for payment of an Assessment for opening Maiden lane laid on property in William St. as owned by Cary Dunn Jun^{r} but which is owned by Peter & Samuel Dunn an infant & subject to the Dower of the Widow was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Josiah Field to be appointed to the office of Inspector of Weights & measures was referred to the Committee on Applications.

Mr Thorn presented the following which was adopted

Whereas the Common Council did by resolution [157] authorise the undersigned to procure a Standard for the 2nd Regiment of State Artillery which Standard is now ready for delivery your Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Standard above alluded to be presented to the 2nd regiment of Artillery by the Committee.

(Signed) William Thorn
Shivers Parker

A Member stating he had Confidential business to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the

Doors closed.*

[158] The doors were again opened

When Alderman King stated that he begged leave to call upon the Finance Committee to report What measures they had taken in relation to procuring a suitable place for a City Burial ground which had been Committed to them Ald Hall replied that the Committee had taken measures on that subject & had partly agreed to take a piece of ground owned by the Corporation on the Middle road between it & the Bloomingdale road but that on Examination it was found Wet & Stony and not altogether suitable for the purpose And Mr Cowdrey stating that he considered that subject as more properly belonging to some other Committee It was resolved that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further considerat^{n} of the said subject.

The Recorder presented the following resolution

Resolved, that the Committee on Public lands & places be requested to ascertain whether any of the lands owned by the Corporat^{n} be suitable for a City Burial Ground & if not to enquire whether a piece of ground of sufficient extent & suitable for such purpose [159] can be purchased and on what terms which was adopted & Ald^{n} Taylor and Ald^{n} King were added to the Committee

Board adjourned

[160] In Common Council June 9th 1823.

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
James Hall	Thomas Bolton
G Zabriskie	Samuel St John
Robert McQueen	W^{m} H Ireland
Asa Mann	Samuel Cowdrey
J B Taylor	John Webb
Jacobus Dyckman	Shivers Parker
————	William Thorn
————	David Marsh
————	George S Doughty.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read & approved

A Request from Rembrandt Peale that a temporary building which he had erected in Broadway between the houses of Mr Crary & Mr Depau with their assent for the purpose of exhibiting therein his painting of the Court of Death may be permitted to remain for a few weeks was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to report.

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* No entry, although a space was left.—ED.

[161] A Petition of John Sidell first Marshall for the priviledge of assigning places of Booths around the Park on the ensuing Celebration of the 4th of July next was referred to the Committee on Public lands & Places with Powers.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that a Pier be run out between Roosevelt Slip & New Slip was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition from Supply Engine N° 1 to have the side walks paved in front of their Engine house in Leonard St. was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Richard P Laurence that a fine incurred by keeping Carriages in the Streets may be remitted was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Thomas Holmes in behalf of Joseph Kingsland that a fine for erecting a Stairs in Gourverneur St. may be remitted was referred to the Police Committee.

[162] A Petition of Mary Concklin for relief from an undue assessment of a tax on *the* [her] property was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

A Petition of Edward Mitchell for the purchase of a Lot of Ground in Duane St. which he now holds under Lease from the Corporation which was referred to the finance Committee

A Petition from the Persons lately appointed Street Inspectors for an encrease of their salary was read and on motion Resolved that they have leave to withdraw their Petitions.

A Petition of John Sandford stating that he had been solicited to run a carriage from the lower part of the City to Art St. & requesting permission for his Carriage to Stand in front of Trinity Church was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Divine for permission to place an Iron railing in front of the windows of his house in Liberty Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the inhabitants of Greene St near Canal st requesting certain Sunken lots in the neighbourhood to be filled up & that the Sidewalks be laid & Lamps placed in the Stt was refd to the Street Commee

[163] A Petition from Lewis Loutrel to be appointed a City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Applications he was afterwards appointed by a resolution

A Petition of John Johnson Jun^r^ stating that he was regularly elected a member of Fire Eng. Co. N^o^ 31. but that through some mistake his appointment is not entered on the minutes of the Com. Council & praying the Clerk of the C. Council. may be permitted to enter the appointment as of the time he was elected was read & referred to the Comm^ee^ on the Fire Department

A Communication from Tucker & Woodruffs Contractors for the Battery on the subject of 20 ft width of Dock Stone which they understood is to be done by Mr Lovett under his Contract but which he declines doing was read & referred to the Battery Committee

A Petition of Edgar Lang agent for William Stone requesting as Mr Stone is absent from the City & daily expected to Return that the Sale of a Lot belonging to Mr Stone at Corner of Amity Street & McDougall St. [164] upon which an assessment has been laid may be postponed for some time was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Anderson to be app^d^ an Inspector of Lumber was ref^d^ to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Archibald McCoulm to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Peter Stuyvesant to be appointed keeper of the Park or any other office was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of John G Betts stating his Ill health & distressed Circumstances & praying that upon surrendering all his property He may be released & discharged from all the demands of the Corporation against him was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Eleazer Jones for the appointment of City Weigher in place of James Seaman dec^d^ for whom he was deputed to act. during his sickness was read and referred to the Com^ee^ on Applications

[165] A Petition of Peter, F, Cisco, to be appointed Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Letter from J P Dietrich complaining that the Sales of Corporation property at Auction had been taken from him & offering to sell the same at fifty cents per lot was referred to the Finance Committee

A Pet that Greenwich st. from Hammond to Bank st. [illegible] regulated was referred to the Street Committee

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens of 2nd Ward.

Frederick T Peet. Merchant 65 ann Street vice John Leonard time expi^{d}

Elijah Cornell Merchant 307 Pearl st vice W^{m} Colgate time expired

Francis Hall Printer 41 John st. vice Cyrenus Beers. time expired

Supply Engine N^{o} 1.

Adam Blackledge Mason 59 Spring st. vice W^{m} Bleakly resigned.

[166] Hook & Ladder N^{o} 2.

George Paulding Carpenter 80 John Street. vice John Poillon time exp^{d}

Engine N^{o} 7.

Daniel M^{c}Faul Smith Gentleman 16 Rhineder. Vice Gregory Snethen time exp^{d}

N^{o} 12

Harvey Buchanan morocco finisher 211 Hester st Vice John H Clinch resigned.

N^{o} 15.

George Feeks Grocer 1 Catharine st. Vice Abraham Colen Resigned

N^{o} 16.

Henry Smith Blacksmith 6 Burling slip Vice Robert Thompson resigned

Jacob Moore Shoemaker 213 Greenwich st vice Chester Clark. resigned.

N^{o} 23.

William Jones Carpenter 80 Reed St. vice Gilbert Robinson left City.

N^{o} 27.

John Marselis Carpenter Wooster st. vice F. C. Havermeyer resigned

Henry Mabie Carpenter 573 Broome vice W^{m} Weeks resigned.

N^{o} 32

Benjamin D Palmer Grand st. Grocer. vice Cornelius Benschoten Resigned

[167] N^{o} 40

Jeremiah Chapman Grocer Spring st. vice W^{m} Bowen resigned

John M Sands Grocer Spring st. vice Andrew Katen resigned

The Chief Engineer presented his Annual report of the amount of monies received by the treasurer of the Fire Department fund Viz^t

To the Corporation of the City of New York

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports that in conformity to the 21st Section of the 33^d Chapter of the law for preventing and extinguishing fires that during the Year 1822 there has been received and paid to the treasurer of the Fire department fund as follows Viz^t

For Chimney fines	$738.75
Certificates from firemen	468.
Dividends from banks & Insurance Co^s	768.98
Donations from Citizens	150.
Donations from firemen	506.80
Donations from Fire Insurance Companies	875.
Penalties for storing Gunpowder contrary to law	64.63
do keeping Ashes Contrary to law	49.50
Making in the whole	$3621.66

And which has been appropriated as follows

For the relief of Widows of deceased firemen	1327.50
[168] Indigent firemen & their families	618.25
Expences for Certificates	144.18
Schooling & partially Clothing about 200 Children of firemen	578.82
Making in the whole	$2668.75

He must ask an apology for not making this report in December last presuming from the alteration of the Law that it was to accompany his Annual report until found otherways respe[c]tfully submitted

(Signed) Thomas Franklin

Which was ordered to be filed

He also presented his Annual Report of the Fire Department which was referred to the Com^{ee} on the Fire department with direction to cause the usual number of Copies to be printed. Viz^t

To the Corporation of the City of New York

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports.

That he has carefully inspected the various branches of the Fire department and herewith presents his annual return with the names of the Engineers Foremen Firemen and Fire Wardens their places of abode occupation &c Also the places of Deposit of the Several Machines whereby it will appear that there are forty six Engines including two at new Alms House, four [169] Hook & ladder trucks One hose waggon ten thousand four hundred and forty three feet
in good order including Six hundred feet at the New Al

Eight hundred and seven feet Ordinary Eight hundred and six two feet bad making in all Eleven thousand five hundred & Seventy five feet of Hose

There are also two hundred and twelve fire buckets in good order including forty at the New Alms house seventy three broken making in the whole two hundred and Eighty five buckets also sixteen ladders twenty three fire hooks one machine for pulling down Chimneys and one Copper Pump.

The total number of men attached to the Fire Department when the Companies are full including the Engineers & the Fire Wardens are twelve hundred & Eighty four

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Thomas Franklin

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Vizt

For regulating & Repaving Fulton St from Nassau St. to Broadway & Isaac Kip John Salisbury & John Bedient were appointed Assessors. Also for Regulating 13th Street from the Bowery to the North River and Benjamin Prince [170] Cary Dunn Junr & John Targee were appointed Assessors.

He also by direction of the Board upon a Report from the City Inspector presented at this meeting reported an ordinance for regulating Little water St. from Anthony st. northwesterly to the termination of the Street.

He also on the report made this meeting to the Aldermen & Assistant of the 5th ward presented an Ord. for a Well and Pump in Laight St. between Varick Street & Carmine St. which was passed & I Kip Cary Dunn Junr & J Brower were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented the following report respecting a nuisance on & adjoining little Water Street

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board that the upper part of little Water Street north of Anthony Street is too low to admit of the water to pass down to Anthony Street also that a serious nuisance exists on the lots adjoining owned by Matthew L Davis. Mr. Davis has been ordinanced also Messrs Foster & Giraud who hold a [171] mortgage on said Lots these ordinances expired on the 24 Ultimo and no means exist to enforce compliance

As the Corporation owns one side of the Street it is respectfully recommended that the Street be regulated and these lots filled in by the

Street Commissioner and a lien held for the Correction of this very offensive Nuisance

Signed George Cumming
City Insp^{r}

Whereupon it was ordered that he fill in the lots to abate the Nuisance the expence to remain a lien on the land & that the Street Comm^{r} report an Ordinance for the regulation of the Street which Ordinance was forthwith reported by the St Com^{r} & passed

The City Inspector also agreably to a resolution of the Board respecting the State of the lots in the 10th Ward presented the following report

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board that he has examined the State of the 10th Ward as it respects nuisances in conformity with the resolution of the Board to that effect He now offers seventeen Ordinances to fill in different plots of ground on that Section of the city [172] Which with what has heretofore been done embraces almost every nuisance there He cannot however withhold his opinion that time & perseverance alone can remove nuisances on so wide a surface of new made ground and but thinly peopled Corercive measures have been in some instances resorted to and will be occasionally used to correct every nuisance in that as well as in every other part of the City. One of the Ordinances is directed to Col^{l} Willett for a block of Ground between Columbia & Cannon & Broome & delancy streets as this sunken block is similarly circumstanced with the one previously seen by the Street Commissioner it is recommended that it pass the Board at the same time he apprehends great delay on the part of the Colonel & Mr Noah Brown lately Ordinanced, as they seem to progress very Slowly and contend that as Water does not remain on the ground for any length of time no serious injury can result from their present state

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) George Cumming
City Inspector

Whereupon the Ordinance directed to Marinus Willett was passed.

[173] The City Inspector also presented the following Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correction of nuisances.

N^{o}	1	Col M Willett	owner	Corner of Broome & Delancy.
	2	E P Delaplaine	do	Delancy
	3	D^{o}	"	"

4	John Orr	Lessee	Ludlow st	Lot
5	Pr Ogilvie	owner	Delancy st [& Columbia]	"
6	Do	"	Stanton	"
7	Widow A Brown	"	Willett st	"
8	Richard Varick	"	Christie st	"
9	John B Lawrence	"	Forsyth	"
10	Philip Smith	Occupt	Grand st	"
11	E Lawrence	do	Essex st	"
12	M Stuyvesant	Owner	North & do	"
13	P G Stuyvesant	"	Chrystie st	"
14	A W Clason	do	Rivington " [& Columbia]	"
15	James Roosevelt	do	Christie st	"
16	Do "	do	Forsyth "	"
17	Chas Meeks	do	Howard	"
18	A Hammond	do	Greene	"
19	D B Dash	do	Harman	"
20	Wm Rhinelander	do	West	"
21	James S Smith	do	Spring	"
22	Mrs Schaeffer	do	Canal	"
23	Mrs Dunkin	do	Greene	"
24	[174] Mrs Renwick	do	Canal St	"
25	T & G Lovett	do	West "	"
26	do do	do	do "	"
27	Robert M Livingston	do	Wooster "	"
28	do	do	Broome	"
29	Wm B Crosby	do	Banker	"
30	do	do	do	"
31	A L Stewart	do	Canal	"
32	do	do	do	"
33	do	do	Renwick	"
34	B Winthrop	do	Essex & Stanton	"
35.	Dr C Eddy	do	Eldridge	"

(Signed) Geo Cumming C. I.

Which were passed

The Attorney to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of Clement C Moore presented a Report

Which was read & laid on the table

The Comptroller presented the following report on the account of B Skaats which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully Reports that he has examined the account of Bartw Skaats keeper of the City Hall for Fuel purchased for the Hall and Watch houses and finds a balance due to Mr Skaats on [175] the 6th instant $202.69 which will be carried to a new Account.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptr

The Committee on Applications on the pet^{n} of George Mills Jun^{r} for appointment as City Guager reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Mills Jun^{r} to be appointed a City Guager have taken his Petition into Consideration and think his Petition ought to be granted therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that George Mills Jun^{r} be appointed City Guager

Signed David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman.

Which was approved and he was appointed accord^{ly}

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the condition of the Minetto Sewer reported as follows.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the condition of the Minetto Sewer

[176] Report, that they have examined the premises and find them as represented & requires immediate attention. And in order to prevent a like Occurrence in future recommend that Side Culverts be built with lateral drains to the Sewer in Order that the waters may be divided and thereby the Safety of the Sewer ensured

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Minetto Sewer be repaired and altered by adding Culverts thereto and that the Street Com^{r} Carry the same into effect.

(Signed) John Webb
Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor.

Which was approved and the resolut^{n} adopted.

The Committee on Repairs presented the follow^{g} Communication on the City Prison & Gaol

The Committee on Repairs by request of the Sheriff & Keeper of City Prison have viewed the Said buildings and find the Gutters & Cornices round the Goal to be much decay^{d} & Rotten the Cistern in front leaky and [177] the floor of the Cellar Kitchen decayed The Roof of the Center Building of City Prison on the West side much decayed Shingles mostly rotten on the East Side the Roof is much decayed an Estimate of the Sup^{t} of Repairs

Gutter in front of the Gaol repair the Cistern and Cellar floor and new Roof the City Prison in part with a resolution to carry the Same into effect is hereby Respectfully submitted by John Webb

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to have the Gaol & City Prison repaired agreably to the annexed Estimate.

(Signed) John Webb
W^m^ Thorn.

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of the Fulton Steam boat Company that Piles may be sunk in the Slip occupied by the Boat reported as follows.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Fulton Steam boat Company requesting that new piles may be sunk in the Slip occupied by them and the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company

[178] Report. that they have viewed the Said Slip and also caused it to be examined by the Superintendant in Company with Mr Storms. who state that four New Piles will be required to be sunk. The State in which the present piles are is such that it is with extreme difficulty that the Steam Boat is enabled to Come to the Wharf. It is therefore indispensably necessary that something Should be done without delay the Committee would therefore beg leave to Submit the following Resolution

Resolved that four piles be coppered & sunk in Fulton Slip for the accommodation of the Fulton Steam boat Company under the direction of the Superintendant of Repairs

(Signed) Geo Zabriskie
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Ald & Assistant of the 5th Ward & St Comm^r^ on the Petition for a Well & Pump at Corner of Laight & Canal Street reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the *the* annexed petition of Sundry inhabitants of the 5th Ward praying that a Well may be dug in Laight Street near Canal Street

Report. [178A] *Report.* that in the opinion of your Committee the *of your Committee the request* of your petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) George Zabriskie
John Webb
R Graves St. Com^{r}

Which was approved the resolution adopted and the Street Commissioner reported an ordinance which was passed.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Subject of a scite for a City Burial ground presented the following report which [was] adopted and directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Selection of a suitable place for a Public Burying ground

Respectfully Report.

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment and after full Consultation have selected the piece of Ground belonging to the Corporation lying [179] between the fifth & Sixth Avenues and between Fortieth an[d] Forty fifth Streets a plan whereof accompanies this report, as a place well calculated for a Public burying ground The Committee, do not think it necessary to add their testimony to the many others that are accumulating in favour of a measure so vitally important to the safety and health of the Citizens at large as the burial of the Dead at a suitable distance from the habitations of the living They will only remark that this City is destined at no great distance of time to rival some of the Capitals of the Old world and whatever can be done to promote its Commercial and local advantages ought to engage the attention and exertions of every inhabitant as the dictate no less of interest than of Patriotism And whatever measure shall tend to security and comfort of human life and render our situation a place of safe and agreable resort for strangers and of habitation for our resident citizens must in the nature of things advance the solid and permanent interest of all.

The ground your Committee have selected contains upwards of twenty six acres and is at the distance of three miles and a quarter [180] from the City Hall. Its situation is high and pleasant and well calculated as to Soil for the Purpose in view. If the Corporat
should approve of the Selection made by the Committe
mended that the whole be declared by a resolution

reserved for a burying ground and that so much of it as shall be deemed necessary be immediately enclosed by a permanent wall properly secured at the top to prevent all intrusions, with two gates one on the fifth Avenue the other on the cross road leading from the Bloomingdale to the Middle road Much if not the whole of this work might be done by the Convicts The whole to be surrounded and intersected with rows of trees of a proper description. The different religious congregations of the City might be here accommodated with ground for the interment of their deceased members and stated hearers Individuals who may choose to select particular Spots for their families might also be accommodated and a Sufficiency of Ground be still remaining for the numerous poor whose necessities in the Solemn business of interment equally with the affluent and those in middling circumstances [181] will thus be provided for and the ground called Potters field can still be used until the Wisdom of the Board shall otherwise determine it being understood from some gentlemen of the Board that the neighbourhood of Potters field is beginning to be too numerously inhabited for the continuance of that ground as a place of Interment It is understood by your Committee that several Individuals have already expressed a wish to purchase Ground within the plot selected by your Comm^{ee} for the purpose of Interment

The examples of the cities of Albany & Newhaven are striking instances of the wisdom and propriety of the measure at present in view by the Common Council.

The details necessarily connected with the subject of the present report must be decided upon hereafter and will of course depend upon the decision to be now made by the Common Council upon the question on the adoption of the present report.

Your Committee would recommend one in particular namely that a man of good Character *of good Character* be appointed as Keeper of the ground to reside in its immediate vicinity with whom the Keys Shall be lodged & [182] without application to whom the gates are not to be opened; so that all fears and apprehensions on the part of the surviving friends may be removed as to any disturbance that may be attempted to the remains of those over whose memory and ashes the human heart must linger with affectionate remembrance And the Committee cannot but add injustice to the very distinguished profession and especially its younger members towards whom Some prejudices have attempted to be excited that they must and unquestionably do possess too high a regard for the Estimation of their fellow Citizens ever to attempt Sacrilegious profanation of a City Burying ground more particularly as it is understood that a sufficient number of anotomical Subjects are obtainable from other sources for the advancement of Science The Committee Conclude by offering the following resolution

Resolved that the ground specified in the accompanying map and lying between the fifth and sixth Avenues and 40th & 45th streets be and the same is hereby appropriated for a public burying ground

(Signed) Samuel St. John
Robert McQueen
Jacob B Taylor,
J. Dyckman,
E W King,

[183] It was also directed that the subject be referred to the Same Committee with a request that they would report in detail what further would be necessary to be done to carry the object of said Report into execution.

The Street Committee on the Petition for the removal of the Horse market presented the following.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons residing in the vicinity of the present Horse market Respectfully beg leave to Report.

That they have examined the situation of the place above spoken of and are fully satisfied that the evils represented by the petitioners exist to a very dangerous Extent arising from the great increase of Population around the present location of the Horse market. but by reference to the 4th Section of the existing law of the Corpor^{n} regulating Sales at Auction it is made an offence to expose or offer for sale by auction any horses Carriages or animals of any description at any other of the Streets of the City except those mentioned in the aforesaid law they therefore respectfully report that in their opinion the existing law might be very advantageously amended by substituting the Space [184] *Space* contained by Hamersly Street between Hudson & Varick street in lieu of the present location of "Laurence & Thompson Streets between Canal & Broome Streets"

Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the words "In Lawrens & Thompson street between Canal & Broome st^{s} be stricken out of the 4th S
Law to regulate sales at Public Auction in this Cit

in Hamersly Street between Hudson & Varick st be inserted in place thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was adopted & the Committee on the revision of the Laws was requested to report an Ordinance agreably thereto.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition for the completion of South Street between Market & Catharine Slips reported as follows.

[185] The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of lots and Water grants laying between Market Street and Catharine Street Slips praying that the board will pass an ordinance directing that the Same may be filled in South St. Completed.

Report

That on viewing the premises they are of opinion the prayers of the Petitioners is not only proper and necessary but ought to be complied with inasmuch as the situation of this place is at present a nuisance that requires immediate attention Your Committee therefore recommend the passing of the accompanying ordinance which at their request has been prepared by the Street Commiss^{r} in order that this work may commence without Delay.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker
James Hall

Which was approved and the ordinance proposed was passed.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of James Walker Jun^{r} reported as follows.

[186] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Walker Jun^{r} praying for a reduction of his personal tax

Report.

that from his Affidavit and the Certificate of the Assessors your

Committee are of opinion that relief ought to be granted, respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the fifth ward receive a personal tax from James Walker Junr on one thousand dollars and return the residue in the list of Errors & Insolvencies of said Ward

(Signed) Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Isaac Sayres reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Sayres praying to have an Error corrected in his Assessment.

Report.

That from a Certificate of the Assessors which is hereunto annexed your Committee are satisfied that it was made in Error and ought to be [187] Corrected beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the Fifth ward receive from Isaac Sayres a personal Tax on Two hundred dollars and return the residue in the list of Errors and insolvencies of Said Ward.

(Signed) Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of John D Smith & Isaac Boyce reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the *the* petition of John D Smith Butcher for permission to transfer his Stand N° 3 in Catherine Market to Wm B Messerve and also the petn of Isaac Boyce Butcher N° 27 Washington markt for permission to transfer his Stand to James Byrne

Report. that from the best information they have been able to obtain Mr Messerve and Mr Byrne are regular bred Butchers and well qualified to hold stands in the Markets they would therefore recommend that the [188] transfers be granted and for that purpose offer the following resolution

Resolved that permission is hereby given to John B Smith t
fer Stand N° 3 Catherine Market to Wm B Messerve,

Isaac Boyce to transfer Stand N° 27 Washington market to James Byrne

Signed Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Samuel Larned reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Larned Butcher praying permission to transfer lease of Stand N° 30 Fulton market. to Eliphalet Wheeler Report.

That they believe it will be advantageous to the Board and also to the Market to permit the transfer they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Samuel Larned have permission to transfer his lease of Stand No 30 Fulton market to Eliphalet Wheeler

[189] Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Eliphalet Wheeler to transfer Stall N° 2 Fulton Market and of Henry Collins that Jacob Patchum may transfer Stall N° 44 Same Market to him reported in favour of Petitioner as follows. The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Eliphalet Wheeler for permission to transfer Stand N° 2 Fulton market to Nicolas Steel and also the petition of Henry Collins that Jacob Patchum may be permitted to transfer Stand N° 44 in the Same market to him. Report.

That they recommend the transfer to take place on the following conditions

1st That Eliphalet Wheeler be permitted to transfer to Nicholas Steel paying all the rent now due on the Stand held by him

2nd That Jacob Patchum have permission to transfer to Henry Collins on the said [190] Collins giving approved Surety for the paymt of the rent. they offer the following resolutns

Resolved that Eliphalet Wheeler have permission to transfer stand

N° 2 Fulton market to Nicholas Steel on said Steels paying all the rent now due on *said Steels paying all the rent now due on* the Stand held by him in the aforesaid market

Resolved that Jacob Patchum be authorised to transfer Stand N° 44 Fulton Market to Henry Collins on said Collins giving to the Corporation approved Security for the payment of the rent.

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the pet. of James O'Donnell presented a report in favour of allowing him $100 for his Services in making Drawings of Fulton market which was read [&] Laid on the table

The Committee on the Fire Department upon [191] the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 17 for a new Engine reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Evert Bush foreman and other members of Fire Company N° 17 praying for a new Engine Report:

That the Engine to which the above Company are attached has been in use nearly 30 years that her chambers besides being half an inch less than the size now used and in bad condition and notwithstanding they have recently been repaired at considerable expences the Superintendant of Repairs is of opinion that if She can be sold at a fair price the interest of the Public would be thereby promoted under these considerations your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to dispose of Engine N° 17. at a price not less than three hundred dollars

Resolved that when the above Engine is sold the Superintendant is hereby directed forthwith to furnish the Company with a new machine of Standard Size

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall
Robert McQueen.

[192] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom were [referred] the petiti
Susanna Dunn & John Doughty for extension of time for

Assessment for opening Maiden lane and in the Petition of Samuel Dayton for the like purpose reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Susannah Dunn and John Doughty praying an extension of time for the payment of an Assessment on property situated in William Street and Corner of Maiden lane & Liberty Street and also the Petition of Samuel Dayton for an extension of time for the payment of an Assessment on a house on the West side of Maiden lane.

Respectfully Report.

That a compliance with the requests of the Petitioners would be prejudicial to the public interest inasmuch as it would Retard the operation of the Collector of Assessments and would be departing from the usual policy of Common Council which is to avoid all partial measures and all partial Legislation

They therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the [193] prayer of the Petitioners

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
Sam^{l} Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Meserole & Higgins late Contractors of Street manure for some allowance on account of losses by the late Epedemic reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Higgins & Meserole contractors for the Street Manure of the past year praying for a reduction from their rent on account of the losses sustained by the occurrence of yellow fever and setting forth that they conceived themselves as much entitled to an allowance on their Contract as the Lessees of Public docks & Slips to whom the Corporation has already granted a reduction

Respectfully Report. That your Committee do not consider the application of the Street Contractors and the applicat^{n} of the Lessees of Public Docks & Slips to be parallel cases inasmuch as the latter sustained [194] a loss to an amount which if no relief had been granted must have been ruinous it having been satisfactorily Shewn to be rising $7000. The two cases differ also very materially and were placed on different grounds by the proposal which was made to the Street Contractors by the Corporation after they had applied for a reduction of their rent on account of the sickness which proposal was to pay them one thousand dollars & take their Contract off their hands But the offer was promptly rejected by the Contractors Although the Committee are satisfied that the Petitioners have sustained a loss of a few hundred dollars by the occurrence of Yellow fever they cannot conceive under all circumstances that they have greater claim to be remunerated from the Public funds than a very numerous class of our fellow Citizens who are necessitated to submit to the Common Calamity

The Committee therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
W^m^ H Ireland

[195] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Wilson Jeremiah Pangburn Collector of the 9th ward for further time for collecting the tax of the ward & for further Compensation reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Pangburn Collector of the 9th Ward Praying an extension of time for Collecting the taxes in said ward to the 1st of July and to be allowed additional Compensation for collecting the Same

Report.

that inasmuch as the Citizens of the 9th ward were exempted from the inconvenience of removing from their homes as well as from the other calamities consequent upon the late Epedemic with which the lower wards of the City were visited Your Committee cannot perceive that the Collector of said Ward has any just [ground] to apply for an extension of time beyond the period fixed by Law And they beg leave to remark that if the Collector of the Ninth ward had even the same plea which has been urged and perhaps not without some reason by the Collectors of the lower wards namely the delay to which they were [196] necessarily subjected by the removal of their inhabitants and their absence from their dwellings for the space of three months Your Committee Could not report in favour of any extension of time for a collector to make his returns beyond that which has been named by the Board of Supervisors in their warrants and the additional 20 days allowed by the Statute to the Treasurer during which he is bound to issue an execution against such Collectors as have made their returns

The Board of Supervisors have in the Warrants delivered to the Collectors extended the time for collecting the taxes to its utmost limits namely to the Second monday in May the period for which the Collectors were Chosen. In regard to the application of Mr Pangburn for additional Compensation Your Committee see no cause for any alteration of the rates of Commission which have been deliberately decided upon by the Common Council The Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

James Hall
W^{m} H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

[197] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Wilson & Carpenter Sureties for Samuel W Kelly reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Wilson & David Carpenter Setting forth that they are sureties for Samuel W Kelly who rented the Southeast Corner Cellar of Franklin Market at the annual rent of 150 dollars but which he never occupied owing as he says to said Cellar not being made tenantable according to agreement. And that the petitioners have paid 100 dollars of said rent which they have no prospect of ever receiving or any part thereof from said Kelly They therefore pray that the balance of 50 dollars now due the Corporation may be remitted

The Committee respectfully report that the circumstances of the above case are such as in their opinion entitle the application to the favorable notice of the Common Council And they therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that a reduction of Twenty five dollars be made from the rent of the said Cellars and that the petitioners be required [198] to pay a balance of $25. only instead of $50.

(Signed) James Hall
W^{m} H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Peter De Wint reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of

John P De Wint praying that the sum of 3515 dollars being the amount of an award assesst to him as the owner of a house and lot N° 75 Maiden lane may be paid him in advance that is to say he wishes to have a Mortgage held by the Union Insurance company against said property paid off and discharged and the balance paid to his agent J J Drake Esq^{r}

The Committee respectfully report that to Comply with the request of Mr De Wint would be to depart from the uniform practice in the payment of awards which has been to defer all payments of them until four months after the Confirmation of the Assessments.

They therefore offer the following resolution

[199] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

(Signed) James Hall
W^{m} H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

Mr Thorn presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the City Inspector make the necessary enquiries whether the Ordinance respecting Interments within certain limits has been violated and if there has been or shall be hereafter any violation of said Ordinance that he report the Same to the Attorney of the Board that the penalty be Collected.

A Resolution instructing the Finance Comm^{ee} to report to the Board whether it will be advisable to discontinue further Proceedings in the Appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of the Canal St. Assessment. was presented and laid on the table.

The report of the Special Committee on the Mayors Communication upon the Subject [200] of the Fever Hospital was called up & read The Mayor read a letter from J. Van Ness Esq^{r} Sec^{y} of State in reply to certain queries proposed by the Mayor as to the responsibility of the Corporation in accepting of the late Act of the legislature in relation *in relation* to erecting a Fever Hospital. Which was referred to the Finance Committee who were instructed to consider & report thereon.

The Report of the Street Committee on the petition for e
North Street to Houston St. presented on the 12 of [illegible]
for Consideration was called up and read in the words

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry owners of lots of Ground in the Eighth ward between Broadway & the Bowery & Prince & Bleecker Streets praying that Houston Street may be continued Easterly of B Way and north St. westerly across the Bowery until they form a Junction at or near the Centre of the Block aforesaid.

Report. that they have caused notice to be given in the newspapers printed in this City requesting all persons interested in property to [201] be effected by the Contemplated Improvement to present their objections in writing at the Street Commissioners office on or before the 10th instant if any objections they have. No objections having been offered Your Commee are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the distance from Prince to Bleecker St. on Broad way is about 1000 ft. and that as yet but few buildings occupy the ground that will be required for the Street And those buildings but of little Value & besides the ground through which the Streets will pass is low and Sunken and will require in many places *to be* from 12 to 18 feet filling to carry the water off to either of the present Streets and owing to this Circumstance it is that, that part of the City remains in its present unimproved State. Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Houston Street and North Street be severally continued until they form a Junction near the Centre between Broad way and the Bowery and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court. at their [202] October term Sessions that the same may be carried into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Wm H Ireland

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the followg to constitute a Committee to make the usual preparations for the Celebration of the Ensuing Anniversary of American independence.

Ald Taylor Zabriskie Mr Thorn St John Doughty.

The Report of the Street Committee on the Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant & others to appoint Commissioners to carry into effect the Provisions of a law respecting certain Streets was called up & being read was as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of

Peter G Stuyvesant & other Owners of Grounds lying between North & 28th Streets the Bowery & East River praying that Commissioners may be appointed to [203] carry into effect the law entitled 'An Act to provide for the permanent regulation of Certain Streets in the City of New York

Report. that they are of the opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Josepeh G Swift Robert Adrain & James Renwick be appointed Commissioners to carry into Effect the provisions of the Act entitled " An Act to provide for the permanent regulation of Certain Streets in the City of New York. passed april 10th 1823

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Wm H Ireland
Samuel St John

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted.

The Comptroller reported.

Balance in the Treasury 26 may	$1192.38
Received for tax 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, wards	39800.
Streets	35668.85
Excise	3400.
Rents	3069.21
Fire Department	300.
Wells & Pumps	179.60
Justices Courts	156.88
Tavern licenses	117.60
Mayoralty fees	82.75
Street manure	81.25
[204] Amount received	$84048.52

56 accounts audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1st distt	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d	645.75
S. Allen Esqr mayor 1 Qr Salary 12th inst	750.
Geo Cumming C. I. do " "	200.
Wm J Waldron Assist do 1 month "	47.25
Obadiah Ayres do " "	47.50
Astin & Cochrane messengers "	54.
Chars Gilman Keeper of Battery	[illegible]
Andrew McCready do Park	
Danl H Magee do Potters field	

John Taylor St Inspr 1st ward	$31.
Peter Wright do 2 "	31.
Thomas Jeroleman do 3 "	31.
Nicholas B Lyon do 4 "	31.
Abraham Ackerman do 5 "	31.
Wm Kerr do 6 "	31.
Benjamin Fuller do 7 "	31.
Samuel Hutchings do 8 "	31.
Daniel Hubberd do 10 "	31.
B Skaats to purchase Fuel for City Hall and Watch houses	600.
R F Manly for Stand of Colours 2 Regt Arty	176.59
J Morton index 46th Vol minutes & Hack hire pd	84.50
P VanMaker & J Madden 12 days Sunday duty	18.
[205] R Smith Clk of Washington market 1 month	60.
J Bremner Catherine " "	58.
P Ammerman 6 markets "	47.50
E Frost Fulton market	41.66
George DurYea Franklin	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper of Fulton "	54.09
George Mills Assistant Board of Health	47.25
Benjamin Hicks do " "	47.25
Christian Brown binding 25 Copies proceedings Board of Health	12.50
G Snethen Sups lighting lamps 1 mo 1st inst	598.48
R Provoost reps do	138.12
G H Barnum 10 Casks of Oil	100.70
Thomas Barnum Sups work mud machine	120.81
Tucker & Woodruff builds Sewer in Thompson st	1800.
Thomas Lovett Acct. building Sewer Grand st	300.
H Weeks balance in full builds Cistern Broome st	187.87
H Cochrane Act Regting & pavs Stanton fr Ludlow to Willett st	173.11
T Lovett balance regs Greene from Grand to Spring	119.40
T Lovett bal. pavs Chapel from franklin to Thomas st	117.
H Smith bal regs Broome fr. Thompson to Sullivan	97.20
R Ayres regs intersection Hudson & Beach	1.88
W. Gee posting bills for St. Commr	15.
J. Gallagher bal. on Well Bleecker n Broadway	71.25
" " 1st payme[n]t do Amity n Greene st	69.02
G Charlton bal Well in Grand st n B Way	42.
R Pettigrew bal Well Carmine n Herring st	21.08
[206] E Classon 336 tons Gravel at Battery	210.
J Slocomb tax 3 ward refunded	2.70
Comee Mechanics Society purchase Books for App[r]ents Library Ordered by Board	100.
A Burtis Sup Alms House	5000.
Mechanics Bank 4 Bonds & Interest	69,802.
	83980.17
Balance	$68.35

Board adjourned

[207] In Common Council. June 16th 1823.

Special meeting

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Asa Mann	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor.	Shivers Parker
———————	W^{m} Thorn
———————	George S Doughty

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Attorney reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Assessment of the Comm^{rs} for opening or widening Dover Street which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also reported the answer of the Corporation to the Bill of Complaint in Chancery of Henry Rutgers Whereupon it was ordered that the [208] Said answer be duly authenticated under the Seal of the Corporation

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board an injunction issuing out of Chancery at suit of John Davenport to the Mayor &c. enjoining them to desist from proceeding in a certain action of Ejectment against said John Davenport to obtain possession of a Certain Stall N° 35 in Washington market in said City together with Subpoena to appear in said Court of Chancery on 16th of June inst. Whereupon it was Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to enter an appearance in said Suit and to conduct the Defence on the part of this Corporation.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Free School Society presenting to each member a copy of their last Annual report and inviting their visiting the School when convenient was read and directed to be filed.

The following letters were received from Maj Genl Scott of the U. S. Army & Captain Bender of the Quarter masters Department in relation to the Cession from the United states [209] to the Corporation of the works of Castle Clinton & its Appurtenances.

Head quarters Eastern Department
New York June 13th 1823.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that Castle Clinton has been vacated & that I am now prepared to turn over the work & its appurtenances to the Corporation of the City of New York according to the terms of the Act of Congress on that Subject. The person who may be designated on the part of the Corporation to receive the property retroceded will please make application to Captain Bender of the U S Quartermasters department who has my instructions on the subject

I have the honour to be with
great respect yr most obt Servt
Winfield Scott.

His Honour Stephen Allen
Mayor of N York

To his Honour Stephen Allen Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir

I received yesterday the orders of Major Genl Scott directing me to deliver over the [210] work of Castle Clinton and its appurtenances with the keys appertaining thereto on the application of such person as might be designated on the part of the Corporation to receive them and in holding myself ready to do so at any moment obedience is rendered to that order: but that I trust it will not be deemed improper for me to apprise you that Boys and evil disposed persons are and until it is under your controul probably will be) constantly employed in a wanton destruction of the buildings beyond my power to prevent unless by posting a military guard; a measure which in this Stage of the proceedings I have thought would be highly objectionable

I have the honor to be Sir
With the highest respect
Your Obedt Servt
Geo. Bender
Asst. Qr mr

Asst. Qr mr office U. S. Army
No 23 Howard st
New York 16 June 1823.

Whereupon it was Resolved that it be referred to a committee on Lands & Places to receive on the part of the Corporation in due form of Law Cession of the Castle Clinton and its [211] appurtenances from the United States & that they take the said premises under their care & Charge in behalf of this Corporation. It was also directed that Ald Taylor & Ald King be added to the Committee on lands & Places for the above purpose.

A Petition of John King for office of Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Com^{ee} on Applications.

A Petition of W^{m} Alburtis for office of Inspector of Weights and Measures was referred to the Same Com^{ee}

A Petition *of* from John Suydam & other proprietors of Piers N^{o} 9 & 10. in the East river stating that the outer part of Pier N^{o} 9. has been loaded with building Stone by some person unknown & has caused the outer part to sink into the river and praying permission to sink a Block into the River was read and referred to the Committee on Whves Pier^{s} & Slips with authority to grant the request if legal.

A Petition that the Houses in Elm Street from Broome to Spring st be numbered was read & referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with [212[directions to cause the same to be done.

A petition of Peter Davy to [be] permitted to remove a house from the Bowery to Elizabeth Street was read and referred to the Ald^{n} and Assistant of 8th ward with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of Jacob Drake was presented Stating that he has served about 18 years as a Fireman & is entitled to the benefit of the Law of the State passed 12th of April 1816. entitled an Act granting Priviledges to Firemen of the City of New York but from som neglect of the former Clerk (T Wortman) his name is not entered on the Minutes of the Common Council as a Fireman and praying relief in the premises which being read was referred to the Comm^{ee} on the Fire department.

A Remonstrance against continuing Auctions in Chatham Street unless for Second hand articles was read and laid on the table it was afterwards called up and referred to the Comm^{ee} on the revision of the Laws.

A Petition of W^{m} Ogilvie to be relieved from a suit on an ordinance for regulating a lot on [213] Rivington St. was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie to be relieved from a Suit on an Ordinance for regulating Sheriff Street was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Surveyors of the City for an encrease of their fees was read & laid on the table

A Petition from Owners & occupants of Property in the ne hood of the west Pier of Messrs Dunlap & Grant between Market & Pike st^{t} Stating that said Wharf has been for some time in a ruinous & dangerous State & praying that measures may be taken to have it repaired was read and referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Pet. of Ab. Leggett for office of Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the vicinity of Church and Leonard street was read & referred to the Ald & Assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner.

[214] A Petition that the Curb Stone be laid & the Side walks gravelled in Christopher St. was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Similar Petition for the Curbing and Gravelling Christopher St. from the trustees of the 8th Presbyterian Church was ref^{d} to the Same Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Cornell for license to drive a cart was referred to the Com^{ee} on Public Offices.

Mr Doughty presented a resolution as follows

Resolved that Louis Louttrell be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher in and for the City of New York which was adopted and he was appointed accordingly

The Board proceeded to consider the Laws Reported by the Committee of Revision when the following Laws wer[e] considered & approved but the final question on their passage was not taken.

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the [215] Public wharves and in the Slips and to Establish the rates of Wharfage.

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Owners of a line of Coasting vessels was called up and read.

A Law to regulate the digging of Vaults & the Construction of Cisterns in the Streets & for other purposes.

A Law to prevent the firing of Guns & the discharging of Rockets & other Fireworks

A Law relative to the Park Battery & Bowling Green

A Law for the Removal of Snow & Ice from the Side Walks & Gutters.

A Law to license & Regulate Chimney Sweepers was read & referred back to the Committee on Revision of the Laws.

Adjourned

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[217] In Common Council June 23^{d} 1823.

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Asa Mann	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	W^{m} Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting and Special meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of the inhabitants of Orchard Street that the Side Walks in said Streets may be paved from Grand to North Street was ref^{d} to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Ozias Osborn for the office of Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications.

[218] A Petition of Richard J. Clark to be appointed to the office of Keeper of the newly intended City Burial place was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Thomas Lovett for payment of Interest on sundry contracts for Streets was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Smith that a Lot adjoining his property in Spring streets between Mott & Elizabeth streets may be filled in was referred to the Ald & Assist of 8th ward.

A Petition of Ab. D. Brinckerhoff for office of Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John De Clew Lessee of Flagstaff on the Battery for a remission of Rent was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Alex^{r} Frazer for appointment as measurer of Coal was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Applications.

A Petition of Fire Engine Co N^{o} 6 stating that [219] their Engine House is situated on the College Yard in Murray street & is surrounded on one Side and in the rear with Earth which renders the house damp & injures the Implements of the Engine & praying that an Area may be dug on those sides for which they have the permission of the trustees of the College, was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department who reported in favor of the petition

See after in reports of Committees.

A Petition of Abraham Vermilyea for office of Inspector of Manure was ref^{d} to the Com^{ee} on App^{ns}

A Petition that King & Hammersley Streets may be paved from Greenwich St. to West Street & Washington St. from Charlton to Hamersly Streets was referred to the Street Committee with Powers.

A Petition of the N. York & Jersey Steam boat Company praying for reasons therein stated a Reduction of Rent was ref^{d} to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Certain dealers in Hardware Complaining of a Person who sells those articles on the side walk at Washington market & praying [220] He may be prohibited from so using the Side Walks was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John & W^{m} Agnew in behalf of themselves and Samuel L Mitchill & Silvanus Miller praying for an extension of One Year of the Resolution of the Com Council of the 29th of April 1822 authorising them to extend the Pier at the foot of Roosevelt st to the Boundary line was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips with Powers &c.

A Petition of Cornelius Roosa for Compensation for services rendered during the fever of last year was referred to the Board of Health

A Petition from the Owners of the Steam boat Atalanta praying some place may be assigned at White hall for the accommodation of the Boat & also a Petition from Sundry inhabitants on same subject were referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against the petition for extending the Sewer in Broad st was referred to the Canal Committee

[221] A Memorial from Salvadore Pinistré offering to furnish a Plan for an universal Cemetery was read and referred to the Committee on Public lands & Places.

A Petition of William Camp for license as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Fishermen at Fulton market complaining of the occupation of the Slip by the Steam boats & praying relief was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that the Side Walks on the North Side of Harman St. between Jefferson & Clinton Streets may be paved was referred to the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Cath^{e} Slip Ferry for water Grant at Brooklyn situated at the corner of Washington & Front

Streets between Main & Washington Streets was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the minister & trustees of the New York African Methodist Church praying that ground may be assigned them for a [222] Burial Place was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Letter from W^{m} Hooghland Keeper of the Penitentiary mentioning the death of his Son W^{m} Hooghland Jun^{r} late Deputy keeper & recommending Abraham Craig to be appointed in his place accompanied by a recommendation from a Majority of the Commissioners & of the Superintendant of the Alms House was read and it was resolved that said Abraham Craig be appointed Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary & he was appointed Accordingly.

A Petition of J B Smith for the office of Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Several of the auctioneers of the City praying that they may be permitted to continue Sales of goods at auction in Chatham Square was referred to the Committee on the Revision of the laws.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants on the Subject of the removal of Essex market approving of the [223] removal of the Same & recommending as a suitable place for the location of the Market—Rutgers Slip on the East River between Cherry & Water Street

Also a Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the location proposed in the Report of the Finance Committee & recommending a purchase of 50 ft. of ground on West Side of Essex st. & 50 ft on East side of Ludlow st. and 175 ft. front & rear on the North side of Grand st in lieu thereof. which were read and refer^{d} to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Ten Eyck for license as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants complaining that a number of vacant lots in the 6th Ward in the Vicinity of the Arsenal are the receptacles of Filth and the resort of Idle Persons who kindle Bonfires therein to the great annoyance of the Inhabitants & praying said lots may be cleared & enclosed with a Fence was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward.

[224] The Petition for repairing Dunlap & Grants Wharf ref^{d} last meeting to the Street Comm^{ee} was now ref^{d} to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips & the Street Committee discharged from the consideration of the Same.

The Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Sessions of of June instant was by their desire laid before the Board and read They state that they have investigated the Subject in relation to the deposit of $50 in the Police Office & which was taken therefrom and though they impute no blame to the Police officers they think some other regulation should be made on that subject than has hitherto prevailed in that office They also suggest some different regulation in respect to the compensation of Peace officers for services in that Office Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Hook & Ladder N° 3.

Peter V Vandourn Carpenter 33 Vandam Street vice Thomas Constantine Resigned

John S Willett. Brass founder Christopher St. vice Daniel Hadley, resigned.

[225] Engine N° 1.

Joseph L Sharet. Carpenter N° 582 Broome st Vice Thomas W Hoyt resigned.

Garret Vandenburgh Carpenter Varick vice Moses Marsh resigned.

N° 5.

W^m H Smith. Accountant 4 Maiden lane vice George Went. resigned.

N° 10.

Andrew V Stout Baker Delancy st vice Samuel Jobbs resigned

N° 11.

Oliver Spencer merchant 42 Water st. vice Thomas W Slover resigned

Sylvester Spencer merchant 42 water st vice Elias Mowatt resigned

W^m S Mitre Merchant Broad St. vice Daniel Dey resigned.

John Thompson Carpenter Vesey st. vice W^m M. Smith Resigned.

N° 42

Samuel S Searing Accountant Water st. vice Andrew Ackerson resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correct^n of Sundry Nuisances Which Were passed Viz^t

The City Inspector Respectfully reports [226] the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances

N° 1	W^m	B Crosby	Agent	73	Bancker St	A Lot
2	D°	do	do	66	do	do
3	do	do	do	86, 88, & 90	do	do

4	N Jarvis	Agent	Greene st	A Lot
5	Samuel L Mitchell	owner	South st	do
6	W^{m} Minturn	do	do	do
7	Norris L Martin	do	do	do
8	Edward R Jones	agent	do	do
9	A Van Bokkelin	do	do	do
10	W^{m} B Crosby	owner	Bancker	do
11	Jno. Beekman	do	do	do
12	J^{no} Steward	do	80 Pearl	do

George Cumming C. I.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Amity Street near Wooster St which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

Al[s]o for a Well and Pump in Houston near Sullivan & N Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for a Well and Pump in Green near Houston Street & Noah Jarvis was app^{d} Collector

He also presented a communication on the subject of [227] Some regulation necessary at Thomas street which was referred to the Street & Canal Committees

He also presented a Communication respecting a Collector for the Assessment for widening Bleecker street from Thompson to Sullivan Street which was referred back to him for further Explanation.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for widening Maiden Lane and a Warrant was directed to issue to Noah Jarvis for Collection of the Same.

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the Subject of the Counsel reporting to the Board Such Account of monies due to the Corporation that remained in his hands which was read and referred to the Counsel.

The Committee On Lands & Places to whom was referred to enquire into the necessary Arrangements for preparing the City Burial Ground reported as follows.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom it was referred to inquire into the necessary arrangements for preparing the [228] City Burial Ground

Respectfully Report.

That they have taken a further view & made additional examinations of the Ground selected for the above mentioned purpose since the last meeting of the Common Council In this View and Examination Your Committee were accompanied by other gentlem
Common Council and several officers of the Board and t

in every respect satisfactory as it regards the situation and quality of the ground. The highest part is upwards of 80 ft and the lowest upwards of 60 ft above the tide water and the prospect it affords is perhaps equal to any on the island The ground is free from Stone and any undue dampness as appeared from seven or Eight different Experiments made to the usual depth of digging for interments

The Committee from further information received since the last report are fully convinced that as soon as this Ground shall be prepared for the purpose in view there are many individuals who would make immediate arrangem^ts for procuring select portions of it for the object contemplated most if not all the religious congregations your Committee believe [229] are already supplied with ground in the Suburbs. And your Committee recommend that a sufficient reservation be made for them, for individuals disposed to purchase and for the poor who cannot afford to pay anything for Interment. The Committee recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved that such portion of the City Burial Ground as the Committee shall on further examination deem it advisable to have secured, be fenced in with such sufficient Work as shall be found necessary and that the Same be done under the direction of a committee of this Board.

Resolved that the said ground or such part of it as this Committee shall deem proper be set out with trees under their direction

Resolved that the said committee report to this Board what arrangements will in their opinion be proper and necessary for disposing of the said ground and also what arrangements will be necessary for the accommodation of a superintendant of said ground

(Signed) Samuel St John
Henry Mead
E W King
Jacob B Taylor
Jacobus Dyckman

[230] Which was approved the resolutions adopted and the said Committee were requested to carry the same into Effect.

The Ald & Assistant of the 5th ward on Petition for a Well and Pump in Church near Leonard St. reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth ward to whom the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Church Street near Leonard Street was referred beg leave to Report

That they have examined the situation of the neighbourhood as it respects the supply of water and are of opinion that the applicat^{n} of the Petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and therefore ask leave to Submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an ordinance in Conformity thereto

(Signed.) George Zabriskie
John Webb

Which was approved the resolution adopted & the Street Comm^{r} reported an ordinance agreably thereto.

The Street Committee on the Petition for [231] Regulating Greenwich Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry owners and inhabitants of the Village of Greenwich in the vicinity of Greenwich Street praying that the Same may be regulated from Hammond Street northward beg leave to Report.

They have examinned the situation of the aforesaid Street and find that in consequence of the recent regulation of Bank Street by which it has been dug down several feet it is necessary that Greenwich St. be regulated to conform thereto they therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved that Greenwich Street be regulated from Hammond Street so far no[r]therly as may be required to Conform to the regulation of Bank Street and the Street Commissioner be directed to present an Ordinance in pursuance of this Resolution.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St. John
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of John Devine to put up a Railing reported as follows.

[232] The Street Committee to which was referred the annexed petition of John Divine asking permission to place a railing in Liberty Street in front of his house beg leave to

Report.

they are of opinion no evil will arise to the public from granting him permission as requested and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, John Divine be permitted to put up a railing in front of his house No 100 Liberty St. under the Superindenance and agreably to the directions which may be given by the Street Commissioner

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
W^m^ H Ireland
Samuel St John
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side Walks in Leonard Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to which was referred the petition hereunto annexed of sundry persons owners of and residents on property situate in Leonard between Broadway and Church Streets praying that certain of the Side Walks in Leonard Street which [233] now are paved with round Stone may be taken up and repaved in a proper manner with flaggs or Brick beg leave to

Report.

that from an examination of the situation of the Side Walks in the aforesaid Streets, as Set forth by the petitioners they are fully convinced of the impropriety of permitting them to remain in their present state and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that all such parts of the Side walks in Leonard St between Broadway and Church Street as are now paved with round Stone be taken up and repaved with flag Stones or Brick and also that the Curb Stones in all such places as require it within the before mentioned lines be extended to the width prescribed by Law and that the Street Comm^{r} be directed to prepare an ordinance in conformity with this resolution.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St John
David Marsh
Asa Mann.

Which was approved the resolution adopted and the Street Commissioner presented an ordinance therefor

[234] The Street Committee to whom was referred the report of the Attorney in the Case of Dover St. reported as follows

The Street Committee to which was referred the annexed communication of the Attorney of the Board stating that the Supreme

Court have confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the Case of Dover Street beg leave to report that it is necessary the Common Council Should take Some order as to the time when the improvement shall go into effect. and Also to appoint a Collector for the Assessment they therefore offer the following resolutions

Resolved, that the Buildings standing on the ground taken for the widening of Dover Street from Pearl to Water Street be removed therefrom on or before the first of September next and the Street Commission^{r} be directed to give twenty days notice thereof in the Public Papers employed by the Comm^{n} Council.

Resolved that Morris De Camp be appointeed Collector for the abovementioned assessment.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St John
David Marsh.
Asa Mann.

[235] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications on the Petition of Andrew Anderson to be reappointed a measurer of Lumber reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Anderson to be Reappointed Inspector of Lumber think him a fit Person for that profession and think he ought to be appointed and respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that Andrew Anderson be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lumber

(Signed) David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty

Which was approved and he was appointed Accordingly

The Same Committee on the petition of Eleazer Jones for appointment to the office of City Weigher reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eleazer Jones praying that he may be appointed a City Weigher in the place of James Seaman deceased for whom he has been Deputized during his sickness have thought him a suitable person to take his place therefore respectfully offer the following resolution

[236] Resolved that Eleazer Jones be and he is Hereby appointed City Weigher in Place of James Seaman deceased

(Signed) David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman
Geo. S Doughty.

·Which was approved and he was appointed According^y

The Committee on Applications on the petition of W^m Corbiere for the office of City Weigher reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of W^m Corbiere to be appointed a City Weigher have taken his Case into Consideration and think he ought to be appointed and do respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved that W^m Corbiere be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher.

(Signed) David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty.

Which was approved and He was appointed accordingly.

The Same Committee on the Several petitions for the office of Inspector of Manure presented a Report recommending Benjamin Waldron [237] to be appointed which was read and laid on the table.

The Finance Committee on the Subject of the lottery lately granted by the State for the erection of a Fever Hospital presented the following reports

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on the Subject of the lottery lately granted by the State to the Corporation for the erection of a Fever Hospital.
Respectfully Report

That they have duly considered the subject of the said Report and after hearing the Explanations of the Special Committee and of Mr John B Yates they are fully convinced that the views taken by that Committee are correct and ought to be adopted in Substance. The only point in discussion with your Committee has been Whether the Corporation ought to part with the grant for a sum in gross, or retain the Lottery under their own management And considering the many Complicated operations Connected with business of this description and the hazards to which the Board might be subjected as well from those operations themselves as from the fluctuations to which the Common Council [238] is liable by its Constitution and that these fluctuations would greatly increase the hazards of loss in the drawing of the Classes of this Lottery which is estimated would occupy a Series of about Five Years commencing at the period of about Eleven Years from the present time the Committee are of opinion that a Sale of the Grant as authorized by the Act would be most for the advantage of the Board and would be most favourable to the immediate Commencement and rapid Completion of the Hospital

The following resolutions are therefore recommended.

1st Resolved that the Clerk of this Board Prepare a Certificate under the Corporate Seal Accepting of the grant of the above mentioned Lottery under the Act of March 24th 1823 and that he transmit the Same to the Secretary of State to be filed in his office

2nd Resolved that the Sum of nineteen thousand Dollars being one of the offers of Mr Yates for the purchase of the said Lottery be accepted provided the Same is paid on or before the 24th of August next

3d Resolved that the Sale and transfer of the [239] [lottery] to Mr Yates be and the Same is hereby agreed to be made on the further conditions that this Corporation be released from all responsibility to the State under the Said Act for the payment of the Forty thousand dollars therein mentioned and from all responsibility touching the management of the Said Lottery and the payment of prises therein And All responsibility whatever in Consequence of Said Grant except only the building of the Said Hospital And that until Such release shall be obtained from the State the Said Lottery Shall not be assigned but Shall remain in the hands Of the Corporation.

Fourth. Resolved that the Board of Health be charged with the duty of Selecting a site for the Erection of a fever Hospital that they be also authorised to obtain plans And to advertise for Contracts for erecting the Said Hospital Such plans & Contracts to be reported to this Board for their approval

5th Resolved that the Sum of $19000 So to be received from Mr Yates for the grant of the Said Lottery be and the Same is hereby appropriated Solely for the purpose of [240] Building a Fever Hospital according to the terms of said Grant.

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff.

Ald Mann moved that the consideration of the Same be postponed & that it be printed for the use of the members the Question being taken on the same it passed in the Negative Ald Mann having required a Division the members voted as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Hall Zabriskie Taylor Dyckman Mead Mr Bolton Ireland Cowdrey Webb Marsh 11.

Affirmative Ald Wyckoff King Mann Mr St John Thorn Doughty. 6.

The question was then taken on the Several Resolutions and they were adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of John L Norton reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John L Norton praying to be relieved from the Payment of [241] his personal tax he having paid a personal tax in Queens County

Report

That the reasons set forth by the Petitioner was unsatisfactory to your Committee but from a further Investigation the Petitioner offered a better reason which in the opinion of your Committee is conclusive namely that he does not possess any Personal Property Which he stated under oath and from other information we have no doubt is True

They beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Eighth Ward refrain from Collecting a Personal tax from John L Norton and that he return the Same in the List of Errors & Insolvencies of said Ward.

(Signed) Wm Thorn
H. J. Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Geo. S Doughty.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Co N° 6 presented at this meeting made the following report.

The Committee on the Fire Department [242] to whom was referred the above Petition

Report.

That they have consulted the Chief Engineer & Superintendant of Repairs who are of Opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted. (See page 218. for Petition)

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause the above improvements to be made.

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner upon the Report of the Street Committee presented an Ordinance for regulating Greenwich St. from Hammond Street Northerly to conform to Bank Street which was passed & John Salisbury Isaac Kip & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

He also presented on the Report of the Street Committee an ordinance for repaving certain Side Walks on Leonard St between Broadway & Church St. which was passed & John Brower Francis Peckwell & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

He also upon the report of the Alderman & [243] Assistant of the 5th ward presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Church St between Anthony Street & Leonard Street which was passed & John Targee Benjamin Prince & Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

The following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire & Report what number of Measurers of Lumber, meas^{rs} of Grain, City Weighers & Guagers are necessary for the business of the City and also as to the fees which it would be right & Proper that they should receive for their Services.

The following resolution was presented by Mr Cowdrey and adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committees Commissioners & Officers hereinafter named to examine into the different Subjects Connected with their Respective departments and which involved expenditures payable by the Corporation or otherwise and report it to this Board as speedily as may be & with as much minuteness as shall be in their Power the Specific & Customary Charges & Expenses which those Subjects ordinarily require. And that they be requested to make their examination & [244] report specially with a view to the inquiry whether any retrenchments are practicable or not. And that they state their opinion affirmatively or negatively on each head of Expenditure in answer to such Inquiry

2nd Resolved that the Clerk furnish to the Chairman of each of the following Committees Board of Commissioners & officers a [illegible] those resolutions Vizt [illegible]

On the Fire Department
" Lamps
" Lands & Places
" Markets
" Repairs
" Roads
" Streets
" the Watch
" Wharves Piers & Slips
" the Battery

Comm^{rs} of Alms House
Comptroller
Street Commissioner
Assist. St Comm^{r}
Sup^{t} of Repairs
Atty & Counsel
Chief Engineer.

It was also Resolved that the Clerk under the direction of the Comm^{ee} on Laws furnish the Laws of the last Session of the Legislature to the Members of the Common Council & officers

A Resolution was presented recommending that Common Council give notice that they will [245] not hereafter relieve in Cases of Assessment for tax unless under very extraordinary Circumstances. and was referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Resolution presented at last meeting on Subject of discontinuing further proceedings on the appeal from the Decision of the Supreme Court in the Canal St. Assessment was called up and referred to the Committee on Assessments with the addition of the Recorder & Alderman Mann.

The Comptroller reported

Balance in the treasury as per acct 9 inst	$68.35
Received for tax 2. 3. 5. 8. 10 Wards	7500.
" Excise	1947.
" Mayoralty fees	151.
" Police Office	12.31
	9678.66

22 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st Dist^{t}	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3^{d}	645.75
W^{m} S Smith Collector of City Revenue 1 Q^{r} Salary 22nd inst. & Expenses	254.50
M. Ulshoeffer Counsellor drafting laws. &c	89.
John Curtis Coach hire for Committees	32.
James Bleecker Auction fees on 15 lots sold for Assessm^{ts}	30.
[246] Editor of Evening Post Advertising tavern licenses	2.12
Thomas Barnum Sup^{g} Work Mud machine 15th inst	126.50
Thomas Lovett acct regulat^{g} & pav^{g} Carmine St. fr Varick to 6th Avenue	1200.
N Jarvis Corp^{n} Assess^{t} opening Amity fr Wooster st to do	544.50

James Mehan Acct reg^{s} & pav^{s} Elm st fr Broome to Spring	120.
J Baily filling 4 lots on Stanton st & Atty st Lien	111.07
J Culbert Act reg^{s} & pav^{s} Canal st from Collect to BWay	100.
Tucker & Woodruff act Build^{s} Wall at Battery	3000.
Benj^{n} Brower Stone for do	341.25
George Conklin Inspecting building do do	116.
Jacob P Roome Sup^{t} Repairs for Repairs	439.
Jacob P Roome do Docks	411.
J P Roome do Fire Departm^{t}	400.
J P Roome do Pump do	200.
J P Roome do Markets	50.
	$9672.19
Balance	$6.47

Board adjourned

[247] In Common Council July 7th 1823

Present. The Hon^{ble} Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	W^{m} Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S. Doughty

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Peter Quidor Jun^{r} for appointment as Keeper of the City Burial Ground & of Philo Dibble for the Same office was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Joshua Secor for license as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[248] A Petition that Bedford Street may be regulated & paved from Burton street to Christopher Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Wooster Street between Prince & Houston Street was ref^{d} to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

A Petition of Elizabeth Harttshorn for relief for her husband fr
imprisonment on a fine incurred by her Selling vegetables in t
was referred to the Police Comm^{ee} with Powers [illegible]

A Petition from John Stevens for relief from fine incurred in not filling up a lot agreably to an Ordinance therefore—he intending immediately to erect a Building on said lot. was referred to the Ald^{n} & Assist^{t} of the 8th ward.

A Complaint of a number of Inhabitants against Mr McReady the present keeper of the Park & requesting his removal from office was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of Bryan Egan for relief from fine [249] for constructing a Privy contrary to Law And a representation of the Attorney in the case of John McGuire for a similar offence were referred to the Police Committee

A Memorial of Lydia Healy Lessee under a Grant from the Corporation for 90 years to Benjamin F Haskins of ground fronting on Stanton Street the title of the Corporation to which is defective & praying relief was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Fishermen against the practice of persons Selling Fish from Cars in the Streets was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Howard and Sarah Lee for further time to pay Assessment for improving Maiden lane was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of W^{m} R Lowere for appointment to office of Inspector of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee of Applications

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Free School Society suggesting the propriety of establishing under their protection a School at Bellevue [250] for the Education of the Poor children at that Establishment was read and referred to the Committee on the Alms House.

A Petition of Jesse Adams for relief from fine for lighting fires on the third Avenue & Incumbring the Side Walk—Stating that he is a Blacksmith by trade and that the offence if any, was in the prosecution of his trade which he has thus exercised for many years past which being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that a Well in Water Street at Corner of Scammel St. may be filled up & Another Sunk near Gouverneur market. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition for permission to remove a House from Bleecker st to Goerck Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 7th [&] 10th wards with powers

A Petition of Andrew Mitchill for return of taxes paid on Lots assessed as his which lots were not his property, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[251] A Petition of Cornel^{s} Gibson that Stall N° 26 Washington Market at present owned by John Ludlum may be transferred to him was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that Front St. between Coenties & Old Slip may be repaved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Edward Morris for compensation on account of the loss of part of Lot of ground purchased from the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Collister Street from Beach st to Laight Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John R Livingston for remission of Penalty incurred by not draining Certain lots on Columbia, Lewis, Cannon & Rivington Streets agreably to an Ordinance the same having been since Complied with as appeared by a Certificate of the City Inspector was read and the petition granted on Payment of Costs.

A Petition of Peter Bonsel for a Grant of [252] Stall N° 52 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of George Pessenger & Adam Dobbs Butchers of Catharine Market holding Stalls 42 & 47 praying to be permitted to exchange stalls with each other was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that the lower end of Marketfield street may be regulated & paved was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of James Gardner that a nuisance adjoining his property N° 97 Forsyth Street may be abated was referred to the City Insp^{r}

A Petition of Simeon Brown to be relieved from paving Lewis Street opposite his property he being only a lessee of the property was referred to the Street Committee to report thereon.

A Petition of Thomas L Ogden & others that avenue C & D. may be regulated and also that the Corporation would adopt some definitive measures in [253] relation to the Meadow land near Stuyvesants Island reserved as a Market Place was read & referred to the Ald & Assistants of the 10th 9th & 8th wards

A Petition of Samuel Cojemans to be permitted to construct a Cistern in Moore Street near Pearl Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 1st ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Edward Hitchcock to build a Vault at N° 67 Chamber St was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Com^{r}

A Request from the Commissioners of the Common School fund for payment of the Sum awarded by law was referred to the F Committee with Authority to report a Warrant therefor

The following letter was received from Ogden Edwards and directed to be filed

Sir

The Resolution of the Common Council expressive of their thanks for what they are pleased to term my Able & Faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Counsellor to the Corporation has been Communicated to me

[254] So flattering an expression of Approbation from that Honorable Body has afforded me the most heart felt satisfaction and will ever be held in grateful remembrance

Be pleased to return them my thanks for the distinguished honor they have conferred upon me—With great respect

6th July 1823 Yr Obt Sevt
(Signed) Ogden Edwards

The Honble Stephen Allen
Mayor of the City of New York

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engr Certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Wardens 3d Ward

Nathaniel Smith Prentiss Perfumer Broadway
vice Wm Roe resigned

Fire Engine No 1

Abraham Bogert Mason 415 Greenwich Street
vice Caleb Crane resigned

No 5.

Samuel Y Coles Accountant 218 Broadway
vice Henry Lawrence Resigned

No 7.

Wm F Hopson Accountant 24 Van DeWater Street
vice Sylvester Pier time out.

No 32

Henry Ustead Carpenter 143 Orange Street
vice Isaac Stephens Resigned

[255] No 33.

Samuel Parker Cartman Pump Street
vice Thomas H Brown resigned

Joshua Morse Boat Builder 383 Cherry Street
George Hunter resigned

Clark Peckham Boat Build

Mariner res

N° 34.

Stephen Merritt. Dyer. Christopher St.
vice John L Ayers time expi
Luke Conklin Shoe maker Bedford St.
vice Hickson Wilson Resigned app^d F.

N° 41

W^m J. Pell Blacksmith 46 Norfolk St.
vice Abraham Halsey resig
Joseph Parker Cartman 13 Hester St. vice W^m Cornell resig
Stephen Cornell Shoemaker Broome St.
Vice William Sherwood resigned app^d to N°

N° 42

James Ennis Watchmaker 350 Water Street
vice Henry P Havens time expi

The following was received from the Comptroller in Complia with the resolution of the 23^d June last.

The Comptroller respectfully Reports that [256] in Compliance the resolution of the board on the 23^d of June last requiring Ce Committees Commissioners & Officers to examine into the diff Subjects connected with their respective departments and which in expenses payable by the Corporation or otherwise and report Board as speedily as may be and with as much minuteness as s in their power the Specific and Customary Charges & expenses these subjects ordinarily require & to make examination & Specially with a view to the enquiry whether any retrenchments made or not and to state their opinion Affirmatively or negati each head of Expenditure in answer to such enquiry—He has t Subject into particular Consideration & after viewing it i Points would observe that in several Annual Reports as well sional which he has had the honor of communicating to t various objects of Retrenchment have been Submitted for C tion as they appeared at the time to require investigation. to the references made of the above resolutions to various C and heads of Departments the Subjects Connected with each [257] expenditure will doubtless be investigated and repor ingly by the respective bodies Independently of this Consi igned cannot at present point out any head of ex nsistent with the Public welfar

He Submits a Statement of the Amount of Stationary in his department for two Years and a half past which is supposed to be embraced in the foregoing resolution.

It does not appear that any retrenchment is practicable on this head of Expenditure.

A Separate account is exhibited of the Sums paid for Tax books Census and Jury lists and Jury tickets as they are not properly a charge to the Officer although included in the Same Account when paid

Should any thing else occur which may be useful and proper to report it will be Comprised in a subsequent Communication.

Respectfully Submitted

G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

Stationary for Comptrollers office

1820.	Dec^{r} 13 to June 4 1821....	$8.63	tax books	$64.
1821	June 6 to Oct 12th........	11.93	Census & Jury list..........	56.25
"	Nov 9 to April 28th 1822..	14.75	tax book and.............	68.
			Jury tickets	9.
1822	[258] June 14th to Sept^{r} 30th	7.43		
"	Nov^{r} 5 to 3 Ap 1823......	4.81		
1823	Ap 3 to 7 July...........	6.50	tax books	64.
		$54.05		$261.25

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz^{t}

For regulating and paving Washington Street from Charlton to Hamersly street.

For regulating and paving King Street from Greenwich to the Bulkhead and, For paving Hamersly St. from Greenwich st to the Bulkhead and John Targee Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Benjamin Prince were appointed assessors in each.

He also presented a Report concerning Bleecker Street which after some discussion was referred to a Special Committee Consisting of Ald. Zabriskie Hall Mr Parker.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating & Paving Ridge Street from Stanton St. to 100 ft. northerly which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

Also an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Amity Street near Greene St. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

[259] He also presented a return of Delinquents on the following

Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis the Collect^{r}

" For a Well and Pump in Greene near Grand st

For do " do in Lumber n Thames st

For Paving Side Walks in Hudson St. between Beach & Spring st

For building Cisterns in Broome st. in front of Central ch^{h}

A Return was received from C M Gahagan Collector of Arrears of Taxes of Delinquents for Arrears of taxes for the Year 1821 which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented the following on the lots of Noah Brown & Marinus Willett.

The City Inspector States that the lots owned by Noah Brown & Col. Marinus Willett ordinanced on the 28th of April last to expire on the 29th of May have not been complied with indeed Noah Browns have not been Commenced His lots have since been protected with Earth so as to *as to* prevent any water lodging thereon it is a block or square of Earth covered with green pasturage injurious to none free from water.

Col^{l} Willets lots are filling in time it is respectfully urged (as no injury can arise from time [260] given) to gradually fill in all those unproductive lots

respectfully submitted
(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

Whereupon the time for compleating the same was extended to the 1st of Sept^{r} next.

He also presented the following ordinances for Correction of nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for Correcting of nuisances

N^{o} 1	Sylvanus Miller	agent	Broome st	A Lot
2	Peter Aymar	do	Broadway	do
3	Noah Jarvis	do	do	do
4	W^{m} C Leffingwell	do	Carmine	do
5	Geo. Ferris	do	Spring	do
6	Mrs Kemp	do	Broadway	do
7	S Watkins	do	do	do
8	R Bogardus	do	Roosevelt st	do
9	Peter *Voglescr* [Vogelsang]	do	Rivington	do
10.	J Morss & G Tucker	Owners	Broadway	do

(Signed) George Cummings C. I.

The following report was received from the Atty.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports the Case of Capt^{n}

Austin Matson and Davis & Center. for landing Alien Passengers without bond several Aliens were landed from the Sloop Native from Boston for Albany and some of them became [261] Chargeable to the City. The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell directed proceedings to be commenced against the Captain and the Owners of the Vessel—Upon this the Owners of the Vessel entered into Bonds to save the City harmless and the Commissioner required the payment of one hundred dollars part of the penalty and the Bill of expense incurred by them in obtaining the necessary proof in these Cases amounting to in all the sum of $144. which together with the Costs of the Sails has been paid by Davis & Center the Owners of the Vessel

Under these Circumstances the Attorney of the Board respectfully recommends that all further proceedings against the parties for the penalties be discontinued and discharged.

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the penalties were remitted in compliance with the recommendation of the Attorney.

The Attorney also presented the following report. in pursuance of the resolution of the 23^{d} of June last. Viz^{t}

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred a resolution respecting the accounts or suits in the hand of the late Counsel [262] with directions to report at the present meeting of the Board begs leave to state that he has been unable to make a full report on the subject agreably to the said resolut^{n} in consequence of the various judicial duties devolving on the late Counsel (during the Sitting of his Court) having prevented him from giving the necessary statements &c Judge Edwards will however attend to this matter without delay and a report on the subject may be expected at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

The Attorney also presented the following report in relation to Duties & Expenditures of Office of Counsel

The Attorney of the Board in compliance with the resolution of the 23^{d} of June requiring him among other officers of the Board to examine into the subjects connected with his department and which involve expenditures payable by the Corporation or otherwise and to report thereon &c

Respectfully Reports

That the tenure and duties of his office are sufficiently explained [263] by the following resolution passed by the board May 27th 1816

Resolved that a suitable person of the degree of attorney at Law in the Supreme Court Shall be appointed as attorney to this Board whose duty it Shall be to commence & prosecute all suits for breaches of the laws & ordinances of the Corporation. all suits arising under the Charter of this City and all actions upon the laws of this State where the penalty is given to this Corporation or to the overseers of the poor of this City.

That under this resolution suits are brought by the Attorney according to the Amount of the penalties in the Supreme Court then Court of Common pleas the Marine Court and the Assistant Justices courts excepting Ship Cases which by law must be brought in the Supreme Court.

The number of suits brought in the Supreme Court and Court of Common pleas is inconsiderable: the fees of the Attorney in these suits are the taxable costs allowed by the Fee bill to Attorneys for suits brought in these Courts with this difference however that in litigated cases between individuals a Counsellors fee over and above the taxable costs is generally [264] charged by the Attorney and allowed by the Client whereas in Corporation suits no Counsel fee is ever charged.

But the greater part of the business of the office arises from suits in the Assistant Justices Courts and a very few in the marine Court for which the following fees are allowed by the resolution of June 25th 1821

Resolved that the Attorney be entitled to receive $\$2^{50}/_{00}$ for noticing breaches of the Ordinances before the commencement of a Suit where the penalty is $5. or upwards and under that Sum one half the penalty. And in Cases where it is necessary that a suit should be brought he shall be entitled to $\$2^{50}/_{00}$ in addition for services in defending the Same provided the penalty be Sufficient to defray the expense but not otherwise

Previously to this resolution the fees had been by the resolution of April 12th 1819 for all penalties in Actions the amount of which does not exceed $15 the sum of $2.50 and for all sums exceeding $15 the sum of $5 and no more.

By the third Section of the Law relative to Suits fines and Penalties (Corporation laws) it is made the duty of the Attorney once in every month to make a written report to the [265] Comptroller of Every suit prosecuted by him together with the sum of m penalty (if any recovered thereon; and of all other penaltie and received by him. And the part if any paid to the informer and also an account of the officers & Court fees paid by said Atty. And to lodge the Chamberlains receipt for the balance with the said monthly report.

From these reports which are regularly made it will appear that from all the above Sources the Attorney received.

From 9th of April 1821 to 1st of may 1822—$1752.98. the whole of which Amount was paid out of the fines and fees Received by the Attorney And there was also a balance arising to the Corporation from those sources during that time over and above all balances in the Attorneys accounts against them amounting to $$178^{88}/_{100}$. From the 1st of May 1822 to the 1st of May 1823 the amount of fees received by the Attorney was $$1237\ ^{69}/_{100}$ of which $29.79 were paid by the Corporation

From these amounts a deduction is to be made for fees actually paid by the Attorney in suits in the Supreme Court and Common Pleas; in which it may be safely calculated that from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Bills of Costs are actual [266] Expenditures by the Attorney. There are some Suits in which judgements have been obtained but no sums have ever been received and in which the Executions are still Standing out. These are all the Sources whence expenditures arise in the regular course of the Attorneys office

He has occasionally been employed in the absence of Mr Edwards to transact Counsel business. for which he has made the Charges usually made by the Counsel in similar Cases. It is made the duty of the Attorney to answer the question "Whether any reduction can be made affirmatively or negatively, on each head of Expenditure referring to his regular accounts he respectfully states

1st That the Court fees paid by the Atty. in the Assistant Justices Courts are no loss to the Corporation inasmuch as they are received by the Clerk for the benefit of the Corporation And that in the higher Courts the fees are regulated by law, and therefore no reduction can be made in them.

2nd This latter remark applies to the Officers fees which cannot therefore be reduced.

3d As to the Attorneys fees it will be perceived that a reduction in them has already taken place and the Attorney is of the opinion [267] that considering the labor and responsibility of the office the fees at present allowed are moderate. The fees received by the Profession for Suits in the Assistant Justices Courts are generally higher than those allowed by the Corporation. It must be recollected that in these Courts there are no taxable Costs for the Attorney and that the Compensation allowed by the Corporation is all that he receives. Still however if these small Charges were numerous the profits of the office might be considerable, but the preceding statements of the receipts shew this not to be the Case The average value of the office for the last two years may be estimated at $1250.

The attorney therefore Reports as his opinion that no reduction can be made in the expenditures of the Attorneys office & With the Counsel's duties and Emoluments the Attorney is yet too little acquainted to be able to form a satisfactory opinion upon them derived from his own experience He however states

1st That the Counsel receives an annual fee from the Corporation of Four hundred dollars this item if the Counsel is to be compensated [268] for examining questions in the general course of business throughout the Year for the different departments and overseers of the Poor (besides acting in that Capacity in the various suits in law and equity.) would Seem to be sufficiently low and not to admit of Further reduction It has been reduced heretofore from a more considerable Salary.

2 The Counsel receives taxable Costs in suits in law and equity which he conducts for the Corporation or overseer of the Poor Where he receives the fees from the opposite parties where he fails the Corporation or overseers of the Poor have to pay the Costs The fees being regulated by the laws of the State respecting the practice of the Law no reduction of them could be made And the fees allowed to attorneys and solicitors by law do not admit of any further reduction

3d The Counsel receives the usual and Customary Charges for drawing grants. leases agreements &c where the Corporation are parties These Charges are in all cases wholly paid by the other parties and are not in whole or in part paid by the Corporation The Charge for a deed is likewise enhanced [269] by a law of the Corporation which requires the grant to be copied in the Comptrollers office in a book there kept for that purpose. and Duplicate Maps made by a City Surveyor to be attached to the original and Copy. The Charge for drawing a deed or grant is various according to the nature and length of the conveyance whether Special or Common varying perhaps from $15 to $5.

When Leases are drawn a counterpart in each Case is n
for the Corporation. but the other party is required to pay t

expense So with respect to agreements Contracts &c. These are also sometimes Special but the general charge is for two leases $5. These Charges fairly made as if done for individuals according to the Circumstances of each Case ought not to be changed so as to reduce them below the customary Charges which is the present Standard.

4th The Counsel also receives the usual and Customary Charges for extra Services for the Corporation Such as drawing memorials and laws to the Legislature and drawing laws for the Corporation The Charges for these extra Services are regulated by the Circumstances [270] of each case as to the degree of labor and time requisite The Counsels Bills in the Comptrollers office will exhibit the particulars From information derived from the late Counsel it is understood that the Corporation on an examination of his accounts, appeared to have paid him but an inconsiderable Sum annually for his Services in Conducting all their legal business most of the emoluments of the Counsel being paid by the other parties to suits &c And the Corporatn Conveyancing being no Charge upon them. From all Which circumstances the Charge upon the Corporation annually for legal Services connected with the office of Counsel does not (considering the extent value & importance of the business) appear to call for alteration or reduction as far as the Subscribers experience or information enables him to judge

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Christopher Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of property in Christopher Street praying that [271] that Street may be regulated and Curbed and the Side walks Gravelled from Asylum Street to West St.

Report.

That they are in favor of Granting the request of the Petitioners as far as it relates to Christopher St. from Asylum to Washington st that part of the Street from Washington to West St. not having been ceded to this board Your Committee therefore recommend the adoptn of the following resolution

Resolved that Christopher St. be regulated the curb and Gutter Stone set and the Sidewalks gravelled from Asylum st to Washington

[illegible]

st. And that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance to that effect.

Signed Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for regulating and paving part of Washington street. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of Property on Washington [272] street praying that that Street may be regulated and paved from Watts to Spring st. and for paving the side Walks on the easterly Side thereof

Report.

That they have examined the subject and given it their due deliberation as also the remonstrance of sundry persons against such improvement and are of the opinion that it is necessary and proper that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as Washington St contains a large population and that this Street is the direct thoroughfare to the Spring Street market and in consequence of the Streets not being paved (or even regulated) is at certain Seasons of the Year rendered almost impassable Your Committee recommend that the paving be continued to Charlton St. which is paved and that Washington St^{t} is now to be paved to Hamersley St. they therefore respectfully of[fer] the following resolution

Resolved that Washington Street be regulated and paved from Watts Street to Charlton st and that the Side Walks be paved from Watts to Spring Street on the Easterly side thereof and that the remaining Side Walks thereof be regulated and gravelled

[273] respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition respecting Certain Sunken lots in Greene near Canal Street Reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the pe
Frederick Ridabock and others owners of Property on Gr

between Canal & Grand Streets stating that there are Sunken lots on that Street that are in a State *on* of Nuisance being covered with Stagnant water and the receptacle of dead animals and praying that the Evil may be remedied by causing the said lots to be filled up, and also representing that that neighbourhood is not supplied with a Sufficient number of Public Lamps. On all Which Your Committee

Report.

That So far as the Subject relates to the Sunken lots Your Petitioners have just Cause of Complaint and their representation of [274] them no ways exaggerated your Committee are of the Opinion that prompt measures ought to be taken to remedy the evil and therefore respectfully offer the following resolutions

Resolved that the sunken lots on Greene Street between Canal & Grand st. be filled and that the City Inspector report ordinances therefor

Resolved that so much of the Subject contained in the foregoing report as relates to Lamps be referred to the Lamp Committee

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St. John

Whereupon the resolution directing the sunken lots to be filled up was adopted and the reference of the Subject of Lamps to the Lamp Committee was approved

The Street Committee on the petition to regulate Bleecker St. from Broad Way to the Bowery

Reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the within petition of the Owners of Property in Bleecker Street between Broadway [275] and the Bowery praying that the Street may be regulated and the Curb stone set from Crosby st to the Bowery

Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that Bleecker Street be regulated and Curbed the Gutter laid and side walks gravelled from Crosby Street to the Bowery and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
W^m H Ireland.

Which was ved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred a communication made by the Comptroller reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred a resolution drafted by the Comptroller respecting Errors in Assessments

Report,

That they are of opinion that the said document as amended ought to be adopted they beg leave to offer the follow^{g} [276] resolution Resolved that the Printers employed by the Corporation be requested to have the Same printed in their respective papers for two weeks.

Signed W^{m} Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty.

The Communication of the Comptroller was in the words following.

Whereas the practice which has been pursued by the Board for some years past of revising assessments of taxes after they have been placed with the Collectors of the Several wards has been attended with many inconveniences by inducing individuals to neglect application to the Assessors at the time of hearing appeals agreably to Law, and also by causing considerable addition to the lists of Errors returned by the Collectors which is added to the wards of the succeeding year. Therefore to Correct this mode of preceedure by inducing all persons interested to attend to their respective Assessments at the time designated by law it is Resolved that public notice be given in the papers employed by this Board that the Common Council will not interfere with the Correct^{n} [277] of Assessments for taxes except in very particular and Special Cases. And it is hereby recommended to the Citizens and Inhabitants of this City who are liable to be Assessed for Real or personal Estates to apply to the respective Assessors of the Several Wards for a correct and fair Assessment at the time specified in their notices for hearing Appeals.

Whereupon the Report of the Comm^{ee} was adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Mary Conckiin reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Mary Conklin praying to be relieved from the payment of taxes imposed on her property

Report.

That the amount assessed on her property was received from her in person as the proper sum Your Committee have no evidence of any Error they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[278] Mr Cowdrey as Chairman of the Lamp Comm^ee^ in Compliance with the resolution of the 23^d^ of June last. made the following report.

The Committee on Lamps pursuant to the resolution of the Common Council of the 23^d^ of June last.

Respectfully Report.

That the following are the ordinary Subjects and amounts of Expenditure falling within their department to Wit

Salary of Superintendant per month	$45.
making lamps each	2.
Repairing Lamps	
New Tops each	1.
Caps & Necks	.62½
Caps	.31¼
Doors	.31¼
Posts of Lamps	.25¼
Caps with Tubes	.22
Tubes per hundred	1.52
Torches each	1.09
Glazing Lamps	
Lights 10 by 12 each	.20
Painting and Numbering lamps	. 6
l[e]ading & Soldering	.12½
Lighting 1556 lamps 22 nights on an average pr month	. 1 pr lamp
D^o^ 667 " "	. 1¼ "
D^o^ 31 market lamps 3 to 4 nights do	. 2 "
D^o^ 2 Hall & Signal lamps pr month	4.50

[279] Your Committee further Report that on due enquiry and Examination the above items of Expenditure & the prices annexed are reasonable and cannot justly be reduced some of them being less than were formerly charged

The price of Glazing [is the only item] about which Your Committee have had any doubts and considering the Glass so furnished is of a good descript Mr Provoost the painter and glazier employed by the Superi required to attend daily to make the Necessary repairs the Committee are of the opinion that this is under the Circumstances a reasonable Charge. respectfully submitted

Signed S Cowdrey
W^m^ H. Ireland.

Which was directed to be filed.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Messrs Agnew & Mitchill & Miller reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred (with powers) the annexed petition of John Agnew & others praying for permission to extend the pier at the foot of Roosevelt Street.

Report. that they are of the opinion the [280] prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted provided they comply with the following conditions. (to wit) Enter into an agreement with the Common Council that whenever the waters at the foot of Roosevelt street Shall be required for a Public Basin or other public uses then on their receiving one third of the expenses for building and extending said pier the length of which shall be 250 ft. (Computing from the South Side of South Street) the same shall become the joint property of the Corporation and the proprietors to be used by the parties as is usual in such cases. And further the petitioners to build the said pier within twelve months from the date of this report Keep an accurate account of the expenses for doing the Same and file a copy thereof under oath, in the office of the Comptroller with these suggestions the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted on complying with the above conditions That the Counsel of the Board be directed to draft an agreement conformable thereto and that his honor the Mayor affix the Corporate seal to the Same.

(Signed) W^m^ H Ireland
James Hall
Asa Mann
E W King
Shivers Parker.

[281] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of John Suydam & others proprietors of Piers N° 9 & 10 East river reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was refi
the Annexed petition of John Suydam & others stati
9 East River was so far decayed that the end had fal

and praying permission to Sink a block at the outer end, as the only means of preserving the Same.

Report.

That the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and in the opinion of your Committee ought to be granted they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the proprietors of Pier N^o 9 East river be and they are hereby authorised to extend the same thirty two feet four inches.

(Signed) William H Ireland
James Hall
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker
E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[282] Mr Doughty presented the following which was adopted Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to enquire into the expediency of Constructing a bulk head at the foot of Bank Street on the Hudson river & report thereon

M^r Thorn presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Public Officers enquire whether the Clerk of the upper markets has been engaged in opening a Vault in violation of an ordinance of this Board & that they report thereon.

Ald Hall presented several resolutions referring it to the Board of Health to enquire whether some more effectual method of Cleansing the Streets can be adopted & as to the healthiness of the practice of sprinkling the Streets with water from the Slips which were referred accordingly.

Mr Cowdrey presented a resolution directing that all Bills for services done for the Corporation falling within any of the Departments be signed by the Chairman of the Department which was referred to the Finance Committee

[253] He also presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Counsel prepare an agreement on the part of this Corporation to sell or dispose to John B Yates Esq^r all their rights & priviledges under the Act of the 24th of March 1823. as to raising money by Lotterys on the terms Contained in & according to the Report of the Finance Committee of this Board on that Subject And that his Honor the Mayor during the recess of the Board be authorised to execute said agreem^t upon the Same being approved of by the

And it was directed that the Clerk of the Common Council delay until next meeting forwarding the Certificate of acceptance on behalf of the Corporation

Mr Doughty presented a Resolution requesting the Aldermen of the Several Wards to call to account and dismiss such of the Street Inspectors as had been negligent in their duty

Which was read and laid on the table.

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Acct. 23d June	$6.47
Received for tax 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. & 9th Wards	11.621.91
	$11628.38

[284] 49 Accounts audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakly & Brower 3d	645.75
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder 1 Qr salary	375.
Wm J Waldron assist. City Inspector 1 mo	43.75
Obadiah Ayres do do	43.75
Astin & Cochrane messengers do	50.
Daniel H Magee Keeper of Potters field	37.50
Chas Gilman do " Battery	33.75
Andrew McCready do Park	33.75
John Taylor St Inspr 1 ward	30.
Peter Wright " 2 "	30.
Thomas Jeroleman 3 "	30.
Nichs B Lyon " 4 "	30.
Abraham Ackerman 5 "	30.
Wm Kerr 6 "	30.
Benjamin Fuller 7 "	30.
Samuel Hutchings 8th	30.
Daniel Hubbard 9th	30.
Benjn Hicks assistant Board of Health	43.75
Jonathan Pinckney do do	43.75
Richard Smith Clk of Washington Market	60.50
John Bremner do Catharine "	55.
Peter Amerman do 6 markets "	47.50
Ezra Frost *F* do Fulton m	41.66
George DurYea do Franklin	37.50
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton markt	53.59
[285] Thomas Longworth 6 Copies Directory	10.50
Caze & Richaud 1 pc Engine Woven Hose	96.25
G Snethen Supg ligtg lamps 1 mo 1st inst	580.47
Robert Provoost repairing do " "	57.79
Thomas Lovett account regg Canal St	1000.
H Smith bal flagg side walks Bond & G Jones st	442.72

Sam^{l} Fargey Repair^{s} pave^{ts} Sundry intersections	258.96
C Mooney act reg^{s} & pav^{s} Mercer st fr Howard to prince	180.
C Mooney bal do do Laurens st	69.74
R Strong & Associates Com^{rs} fees opening Amity st	236.
O Edwards Court Charges & Counsel fees do	178.31
W McBride filling 3 lots little Water st lien	53.89
Editor of American Advert^{s} Sales of Assessm^{ts} &c	34.
Editor of Commercial do do	30.
Thomas Lovett Act filling at Battery	3100.
Edward Clasen 240. tons Gravel do wall	150.
R Graves St Com^{r} Repairs of Roads	800.
R Ayers filling Bulk head Chamber & Duane st	56.50
Thomas Barnum Work & Superintend^{s} mud mac^{e}	151.13
J P Roome sup^{t} Repairs Lumber for Alms House Dep^{t}	142.
J P Roome do for Repairs	140.
J P Roome D^{o} Locust for Battery fence	135.
	11279.26
Balance	$349.12

Board adjourned.
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[287] Special Meeting In Common Council July 14th 1823.

Present. The Honorable Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St John
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Thorn
Asa Mann	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Henry Mead	W^{m} Thorn
	David Marsh

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had summoned this Special meeting at the request of the Finance Committee.

The Attorney then presented the following report.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully Reports pursuant to the directions of the Finance Committee the Acceptance of the Corporat^{n} [288] of a grant made to them by the Act to provide for the erection of a Fever Hospital which requires to be executed and filed according to the said act and he also submits the agreement between the Corporation and John B Yates Esq^{r} for the Sale of the lottery granted in and by the said act. This agreement was authorised by a resolution of the last meeting of the Board to be executed by the Mayor during the recess of the Board if approved of by the Finance Committee But inasmuch as the agreement in some measure varies from the report of the Finance Comm^{ee} heretofore made on that subject agreably to the proper understanding & agreement between Mr Yates and the Committee the same is reported for the approval of the Board

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

The acceptance was as follows.

These Presents witness That we the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Do hereby accept the condition of the grant made to us in and by the act of the Legislature entitled An Act to authorise and provide for the erection [of] a Fever Hospital in the City of New York passed march 24th [289] 1823. as we are required by the 3^{d} Section of the said act to do.

In Witness Whereof the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York being the Corporation of the City of New York have hereunto set and affixed their Corporate or Common Seal on the day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three.

Which was approved directed to be executed & the Clerk to forward the same by mail to the Secretary of State the agreement was then read and (the blanks being filled) was approved and directed to be duly executed.

A Letter from John B Yates was received stating that the next Class of Literature lottery new Series will be drawn on the 23^{d} July instant & requesting that a Committee might be appointed as on the former occasion with powers to give the necessary facility for drawing the Same which being read was referred to the Finance Committee w^{h} powers.

An Application from the Sharon Canal Company for the Corporation to aid in making a survey to the Croton river for the purpose or ascertaining [290] the practicability of bringing into the city the waters of Croton was received & referred to the Committee on Supplying the City with water.

A Petition of John L Vanderpool to be app^{d} a Cartman was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Public Offices

A Petition of Michael Toohey to be relieved from a penalty incurred by selling liquor without license was referred to the P[illegible]e Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Hippolite Barrere stating that for the accommodation of Visitors in his gardens at Chatham Street he had erected Boxes & Awnings over them that he had received a notice from the Fire Wardens to remove the same as contrary to law & praying relief in the premises was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William Lord for permission to remove a House from Cheapside Street to Grand Street between Crosby Street *to Grand Street between Crosby Street* & Broadway was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 7th & 10th wards.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the resolution passed [291] on the 23d of June last directing the houses in Dover Street to be removed &c was reconsidered & rescinded And it was Resolved the occupants of Buildings on that part of Dover Street which are required to be removed to widen the same be noticed to remove therefrom by the 1st day of August next that the Buildings be advertised & sold in one week thereafter and that the Purchasers of said Buildings remove the materials from the Street by the first of September next.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication

The Street Commissioner begs leave to communicate to the Common Council that information had been given him that Mr John Ireland was about removing the Surplus Earth from that part of Amity Street which lies through his ground & which has lately been awarded to your Board by Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment as by their Report will appear

The Undersigned on receiving such information requested the Assistant Street Commissioner to wait on Mr Ireland and inform him that the Surplus Earth on that Street was the Property of this Corporation. Mr Smith accordingly [292] saw Mr Ireland and on asking him reasons for appropriating the Earth which belonged to the Corporation to his own use, received for answer that the Earth was his property and that he should make use of it for his own purposes

The Street [Commissioner] presents the foregoing Statement for the information of the Common Council that such Order may be had thereon as in their wisdom may be deemed proper

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves
Street Commr

Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel with directions to proceed against Mr Ireland by action at Law for the trespass

Board adjourned

[293] In Common Council July 21st 1823

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St John
Elisha W King	Wm H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Richard McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Wm Thorn
Jacob B Taylor	David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman	George S Doughty
Henry Mead	George Downing

The minutes of the last Special & Regular meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Obadiah Cooper for license as a Cartman was presented and it was Resolved that it be recommended to his Honour the Mayor to grant him a license on giving the Security usually required

A Petition of Isaac Valentine Lessee of Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip Complaining of the [294] want of business at the Scales in consequence of the reluctance of the Cartmen to attend at the Hay Scales & stating his inability to pay the rent was refd to the Finance Commee

A Petition of the trustees of Sherath Israel Stating that they are ready to pay the balance due by them [on] the Assessment for opening Oliver Street & requesting a deed may be executed to them for the Gore of land in Oliver Street They also request that the Interest to be charged them may be less than 7 per Cent & the tax on the ground be remitted Whereupon the Attorney was directed to prepare & report a deed agreably to the request of the Petitioners & that the remainder of the Subject be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against extending Pike Street North of Division Street & a similar Petition from E Frost were referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Jenkins and Post Butchers praying to be relieved from a fine incurred by casting Blood into the River at the foot of Rivington Street was referred to the Police Committee.

[295] A Petition from Nathan Deyo for license as a Weigher of Hay at Harlaem was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th ward with authority to direct a license to issue to him

A Petition for permission to dig a Vault in Wall Street in Front of the Union Bank was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority &c

A Petition of the Fire Wardens of the First ward requesting an Ordinance may be passed regulating the Storage of Oil of Vitriol was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the 1st ward that a Watch house may be established in the vicinity of the Franklin market or in some other part of the ward was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants of Staten Island that the Signal Poles may be placed under the direction of Amos Rook was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Wright Carpenter to be appointed [296] Keeper of the Park was with a Similar petition of James C Adams referred to the Commee on Lands & Places

A Petition of Thomas Demarest to be appointed Superintendant of the Public Burial place was with A Similar petition of Wm M Howland referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Daniel Bartnell for deduction on the Rent of his Stall No 56 Washington Market was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Abraham Furman that Some Hogs belonging to him which were taken up in the streets may be returned was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of the Inhabitants of Vesey street complaining that said Street at the intersection of West Street is in a state of Nuisance & praying the same may be paved or otherwise remedied was read & the prayer thereof directed to be granted Whereupon the Street Commr reported an ordinance therefor which was passed

A Petition of Isaac Asten Sweeper of Fulton [297] market requesting that in consideration of the very laborious Services he has to perform that he may be allowed additional compensation was read and referred to the Market Commee

A Complaint of Sundry Inhabitants of the offensiveness of the Starch Manufactory in Chrystie street was referred to the City Inspr

A petition of the owners and Lessees of all the lots of Ground fronting on Washington Street between Mott & Spring street Excepting the Ground of James Lowere requesting permission to pave that part of said Street themselves was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition that Bedford Street from Carmine to Downing st &

Downing st from Bedford to Varick st be regulated paved and the Curb & Gutter Stone laid was referred to the St^{t} Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump in 4th Street near Broad Way was presented & the pet^{n} granted & the Street Comm^{r} immediately reported an ordinance therefore Which was passed.

A Petition of Fire Engine Co N^{o} 37 that [298] their Engine may be repaired and new painted was referred to the Committee on the Fire DePartment.

The Invitation from the Governors of the New York Hospital to the members of the Common Council to visit the Asylum at Bloomingdale on the 5th of August next at 2 o Clock was received and Accepted

A Letter from J Van Ness Yates Esq^{r} Sec^{y} of State addressed to his honour the Mayor was laid before the Board which stated that the Bushel half Bushel & Measures used by the Sealer of Weights & Measures in this City was manifestly imperfect it being a half pint more on the Bushel than it ought to be And requesting that measures might be immediately adopted to correct the error. Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to take such Steps as they shall judge advisable to procure Correct Standards of Measures for the City.

A Letter was also laid before the Board addressed to the Clerk of the Common Council stating that the acceptance by the Corporation of [299] the Grant made to them by the Act to authorise & provide for the erection of a Fever Hospital in the City of New York passed 24th of March 1823 was received by him from the Clerk and was duly placed on record in the office of the Secretary of State Whereupon the Same was directed to be filed.

A Petition of Cha^{s} Dobbs for remission of fine for loading a boat with Manure without its being inspected was referred to the Police Committee.

An Invitation from the directors of the New York & Schuylkill Coal Company to attend an Exhibition of the Properties of said Coal as an article of Fuel on the Morrow at N^{o} 26 Water St at 10 Oclock when a fire will be kindled in a Grate of Common Construction was read and accepted.

A Letter from John L Sullivan Esq^{r} on subject of supplying the City with Water recommending for the conveyance of the Water two Parallel Iron Pipes the same being read was referred to the Committee on that Subject.

The Commissioners of the Alms House in pursuance [300] of the Resolution of the 23d of June last presented the following report

Agreeable to a Resolution of the Common Council passed the 23d of June 1823 The Commissioners of the Alms House beg leave to Report as follows.

The expences for twelve months ending the 30th of last April are

Alms House including donations Transportation nursing & New York Hospital	$69745.07
Penitentiary	10270.75
Bridewell	2348.
Total	$82363.82

Purchases are made in the following manner Vizt Beef is furnished by annual Contracts the Price for the Alms House *the* [to] Commence the 1st of February is at $2.60 per 100 lbs. in sides or quarters delivered at such times and in such quantities as may be required. Penitentiary at $1.98 and Bridewell at $1.68 cts delivered in pieces Grain is purchased by the cargo delivered at the Alms House dock Molasses and tea are brought in quantities at the lowest wholesale prices. The principal part of the Clothing and all the Shoes are manufactured in the House A Supply of wood for the ensuing year is generally laid up in the Spring & early part of the Summer. the price paid this Season was Eleven Shillings for Oak Sixteen for nut & Eight Shillings & Sixpence for Pine wood the [301] Principal part consists of Oakwood, other Contingent Articles are purchased by order of the Superintent The Whole of which are procured as low and we believe for a less sum than any individual can purchase for in consequence of the quantity and prompt Payment.

Signed John Targee
Arthur Burtis
Peter Stagg.

Which was read and ordered to be filed

The Chief Engineer in pursuance of the resolution of 23d of June last presented the following report.

To the Corporation of the City of New York

In conformity with the resolution of the Board of the 23d of June last presented the following report.

That he has carefully examined into the subjects connected with his department and which involve expenditures payable by the Corporation; that He does not know wherein any retrenchments (at present) are practicable except in the article of Hose of which an experiment is now about to be made that is to Substitute Hemp Hose in lieu of leather the former being only one half the price of the latter say 3/6 per foot and should the Experiment answer the character given it must unquestionably be a great saving

Signed Thomas Franklin. Chf Engr

[302] Which was ordered to be filed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Engine N° 6

John J Berdan Carpenter Hudson st
vice Matthew Dubois resigned.

N° 8

Thomas H Noble 12 Chamber st Locksmith
Vice John Eagle Resigned.

N° 11

Samuel B Warner Sailmaker 92 Broad Street
vice Isaac Miller resigned

N° 35

Benson McGowan Farmer Harlaem vice Joseph Mott time expd
Morris Randel Farmer Randels Island
vice Edward Vermilyea Resigned
James Devoe Cordwainer Harlaem
Vice William Devoe Harlaem resigned.

N° 40

William Force Carpenter 164 mulberry street
vice Adam Blackledge Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Grand Street between Wooster & Laurens st [303] and a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector

He also on the Resolution referred to him respecting a Bulkhead at Bank Street reported as follows.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Resolution of the Common Council passed the 7th inst to enquire into the expediency of constructing a Bulkhead at the foot of Bank St. on the Hudson River and report thereon begs leave Respectfully to Report his opinion as follows.

That inasmuch as the regulating and keeping in Repa
Street must be done at the expence of the Owners of the

adjoining thereto and the Building the Bulk head to the grantees of the Water lots on Washington St. when they Shall be required so to do the Undersigned is of the Opinion that it is inexpedient and improper to build the Bulkhead contemplated by the said Resolution at the Public Expence

All which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves St. Com^{r}

Which was directed to be filed.

He als[o] presented the following ordinances which were passed

Viz^{t} An Ordinance for regulating and paving West. [304] St. from Vesey to Barclay st. & Isaac Kip John Salisbury & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating and Curbing Bleecker Street from Crosby Street to the Bowery & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} Isaac Kip & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in 4th Street between Broad way and Mercer Street & James Bleecker John Brower & Francis Peckwell were app^{d} Assesso^{s}

Also for regulating Curbing Christopher Street from Asylum to Washington Street and Isaac Kip John Targee & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an ordinance for regulating Greenewhich St. from near Hammond st. to about 200 ft. Northerly from Bank Street & John Bedient John Salisbury & John Brown[er] were app^{d} Assessors

The City Inspector Upon a reference to him from the Board of Health presented the following

The City Inspector respectfully presents to the Board eleven Ordinances for filling in all the Cellars with Earth on the South Side of Broad Street from Water to South Street by the [305] directions of the Board of Health founded on a report from their Assistants.

He would however observe that Mr Waldron accompanied the City Inspector thro these Cellars which they found as free from nuisances as other Cellars in that part of the City. One occupied as an Oyster Cellar—Two having Cellar Kitchens, the others containing Barrels of Cider Firewood Hoop poles &c. The occupants of these Cellars however admitted that in very high tides water would appear three or four times a year above the floors of their Cellars and soon dissapear leaving no injurious Consequences behind, This is Common in all the lower part of the City. The Cellars also in Mill St. N^{os} 12 & 14 contain Fresh water under but not above the floor one is filled with Casks of wine the Other has a quantity of Iron on the Floor which is boarded, the whole of this subject it is submitted might be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward. to direct the Service of the Ordinances if in their Judgemen[t] they may think it right so to do

Respectfully Submitted

George Cumming. C. I.

The following are the Ordinances Submitted

N^o	1	C B Goelet	Agent	Broad St	A Lot.
	2	[306] C B Goelet	do	do	do
	3	W^m Lowerre	occup^t	do	do
	4	Jas Lynch	do	do	do
	5	Widow Thompson	do	do	do
	6	Charles Friel	do	do	do
	7	Amos F Colt	do	do	do
	8	A Vanderbilt	do	do	do
	9	W^m S Miter	do	do	do
	10	Richard Grant	do	do	do
	11.	Ch^s Kuckuck	D^o	do	do
	12	Edw^d Innet	do	do	do
	13	Benj^n Marshal	do	do	do

George Cumming C. I.

Whereupon the Ordinances were passed but they were referred to the Ald. & Assistant with discretionary powers to direct them to be Served or not as they should judge expedient.

The City Inspector also upon the petition of James Gardner reported as follows.

The City Inspector respectfully reports on the petition of Mr James Gardiner requesting the correction of a nuisance at N^o 97 Forsyth Street the Nuisance is a hole on a lot formerly the property of Mr Fink but Containing no Water yet the Executor of the Estate and one of the heirs were ordinanced but in consequence [307] of a law suit between them refuse to Comply it is expected that the Suit will terminate in September and as the lot is now inclosed with boards on all sides nothing it appears at present can be done without prostrating the fences and thereby committing a trespass which the nature of the Case would by no means Justify.

George Cumming C. I.

Which was ordered to be filed.

He also reported ordinances for correction of sundry N which were passed Vizt.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances Vizt

N° 1	Richard Dickenson	owner	Greene st.	A Lot.
2	John Hone	do	do	do
3	Widow Vangieson	do	Canal st	do
4	Hannah Murray	do	do	do
5	R Dickenson	do	Wooster st	do
6	John J Astor	do	Vandam street	do
7	John F Delaplaine	do	Broome st	do
8	David Reynolds	Lessee	Bowery "	do

George Cumming C. I.

His Honor the Mayor Stated as President of the Board of Health that the Board had had under Consideration the resolution referred to them [308] by the Common Council on the Subject of the practice of Sprinkling the Streets with water from the Slips that the Board disapproved of the practice and that a recommendation to the Citizens to discontinue the Same would be issued by the Board of Health

The attorney made a communication to the Board on the Subject of the Case of Mr John Ireland against whom he had been directed to commence a suit in Trespass Stating that Mr Ireland represents that there was an agreement between the Corporation & himself relative to Amity street by which he considered himself authorised to remove the Earth from the Street And the Attorney Suggested the propriety of referring the Subject to a committee for a further investigation Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee

The Attorney presented a lease to Abel Sammis for the Ferry at Hornes hook accompanied with the following communication

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports for confirmation a lease to Abel Sammis for the ferry at Hornes hook in the 9th ward over and across the East River to Long Island This lease has been prepared pursuant to a resolution of the [309] board on the Report of the Finance Committee and it has been drawn under the direction of that Committee But inasmuch as the Lease in some of its provisions has been altered by the committee from the terms of their report and the Resolution [of] the Board the same is respectfully submitted to the Board to authorise its execution

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer atty.

Whereupon the lease was directed to be executed.

He also presented Certificates of property sold on 20th of June for non payment of Assessments

The attorney of the board respectfully submits for Execution the following certificates of property sold for Nonpayment of Assessments. on the 20th of June 1823.

A Certificate for one piece of land on the Southerly side of Canal St. between Chapel & Laight street sold for 12 Years to W^m F Laurence.

A Certificate for one lot on the no[r]therly side of Broome street at the Corner of Laurence Street sold for 14 Years to Peter Smith.

A Certificate for one piece of land on the Easterly side of Pitt st. betweene Grand & Broome streets Sold for 15 Years to Isaac T Ludlum.

A Certificate for 4 lots on the northerly side of Grand street between Chrystie & Forsyth Street sold for One Year to Robert Bogardus.

[310] A Certificate for one piece of land on the Southerly side of Grand st. Sold for 12 Years to McKay & Fagan

A Certificate for one piece of land on the Southerly side of Canal St between Watts & Greenwich streets sold for 70 Years to Robert Bogardus

A Certificate for one lot on the northerly side of Canal st. between Laurens & Thompson st. sold for 1000 years to George Lorillard.

A Certificate for three lots of land on the Easterly side of Rynder st between Pump and Hester streets sold for one Year to Stephen Van Ranselaer.

A Certificate for one lot on the Easterly side of Laurens st between Grand & Canal st. sold for 30 years to W^m T Laurence.

A Certificate for two lots on the Easterly side of Laurence st between Grand & Canal st^s sold for 20 Years to W^m F Laurence

A Certificate for one lot. on the $West^y$ side of Herring street between Hancock and Downing Streets sold for 1000 years to W^m J Cantelo

A Certificate for one lot on the Westerly side of Chrystie Street between Rivington & Stanton streets sold for 30 Years to W^m T Laurence

A Certificate for one lot on the Westerly side of [311] Chrystie Street between Rivington & Stanton st^s Sold for 40 Years to George J Banks.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer atty

Whereupon the Certificates were directed to be executed

He also presented leases of the Common lands to the following persons.

The Attorney of the *Attorney of the* Board herewith respectfully Submits for execution the following leases of Common lands which have been prepared pursuant to the directions of the Finance Committee, and of the Comptroller to wit.

A Lease of Lots N° 191 & N° 189 to John N Grenzebach for 10 Years at a rent of 45 dollars Commencing 1 May 1823.

A Lease to Thomas Fenwick of Lots N° 144 & 148 for 10 years at a rent of $40 *a*from same time.

A Lease to John Robinson of lot N° 193 for 10 Years at a rent of $30. from same time.

A lease to Alpheus Sherman of lot N° 195 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 from Same time

A Lease to Conrad Ritter of lot N° 129 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 from Same time

A Lease to Isaac Jones of lot N° 127 at a rent of $20 for 10 Years from same time.

[312] A Lease to Martin Hoffman of lot N° 127 at a rent of $20 for 10 Years from same time

A Lease to Martin Hoffman of lot N° 123 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 from Same time.

A lease to George McKay of lot N° 113 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from same time.

A Lease to James Amory of lots N° 101, 107 & 109 for 21 Years at a rent of $45 from same time

A Lease to Henry Post of lot N° 136 for 10 years at a rent of $30 from same time.

A Lease to John Mason of lot N° 97 for 10 Years at rent of $20 from Same time

A Lease to Henry Dickers of lots N° 89 & 95 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 from same time.

A lease to Jasper Ward of lot N° 79 for 10 Years at a rent of $15 from same time

A Lease to Thomas Addis Emmett of lot N° 73 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from same time.

A Lease to Cha^s M^{c}Evers of lot N° 71 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from Same time

A Lease t[illegible]erick Bienhauer of lot N° 67 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 [illegible]ame time

A Lease to Dennis Doyle for lot N° 65 for 10 Years at a rent of $25 from same time.

A lease to David Wagstaff for lots N° 142 146 & 150. for ten Years at a rent of $\$82^{50}/_{100}$ from same time

[313] A Lease to James Pettit for lots N^{os} 25 & 26. for 10 Years at a rent of $170 from Same time

A Lease to James Scott. of lot N° 137 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from same time. A Lease to John Goodwin of lot N° 154 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from same time

A Lease to the Mutual Insurance Company of the City of New York of lot N° 185 for 10 Years at a rent of $30 from Same time.

A Lease to Mary Dunscomb and Dan^l E Dunscomb, administratrix and administrat^r of Edward Dunscomb Deceased of lot N° 197. & N° 198. for 10 Years at a rent of $20 from Same time.

A Lease to George Strite for One acre for ten Years at a rent of $30 from same time.

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon they were directed to be executed.

The Committee on Repairs & the Comptroller presented the following report on the account of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs.

The Committee on Repairs and Comptroller Respectfully Report.

That they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant [314] of Repairs. from 13 December 1822 to 25th June 1823 and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation	$.16940.67
for Sundry Articles sold by him	56.93
balance due Corporation 13 Dec^r 1822	38.83
	$.17.036.43
He has paid agreably to Vouchers examined by the Committee 180 Accounts—amount	16.991.03
Balance due Corporation 25 June 1823	45.03

(Signed) John Webb
W^m Thorn
George Downing
G N Bleecker Compt^r

Which was directed to be filed.

The Ferry Committee on the Petition respecting Steam boat Atalanta reported as follows.

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of Moses Jaques Elias B D Ogden & Matthias Haughawout praying that some landing place may be assigned them for the accommodat^{n} of the Steam Boat Atlalanta at the White hall slip or in that neighbourhood and the petition of Sundry inhabitants on the Same subject beg leave to offer the following report.

The petitioners only apply for the privilege of a landing place for the Steam boat Atalanta [315] but it appears by their Memorial that the Atalanta is used as a Ferry boat the Charter vesting in the Corporation the Sole & exclusive right of establishing ferries from this City to the surrounding shores the owners of this boat have no right to employ her in this manner without a grant for that purpose from the Corporation which they are willing to take out

The Committee would therefore recommend that a Lease be made by the Corporation to Moses Jaques & Elias B. D. Ogden of the ferry from White Hall Slip to Merceraus Point Staten Island and Elizabeth town point conformable to the tenor of the following resolutions.

Resolved that upon Moses Jacques & Elias B D Ogden putting a good and Substantial Steam boat on the ferry from Whitehall slip to Merceraus point & Elisabeth town Point the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a lease for the said ferry to them for the term of three years from the first day of May next at an annual rent of one hundred & Seventy five dollars. payable quarterly.

Resolved that One hundred & twenty feet of the Slip & Bulkhead contiguous thereto at the East End of the Battery and on the West side of Said Slip commencing at the [316] Southerly end of the Ferry stairs and running thence No[r]therly be appropriated to the use and accommodation of the Steam boat belonging to Said ferry

Resolved that the petitioners have the priviledge of driving spiles two ft East of the Ferry stairs the aforesaid distance of one hundred ft. along the said Bulkhead and that they cause them to be drawn at the expiration of their lease and that they be allowed to put up one or two small Buildings to lodge baggage in

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
E W King.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Ferry Committee on the petition of John C & Robert L. Stevens reported as follows

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the Petition of John C & Robert L Stevens praying that a Grant may be made to them by the Corporation of the right to a Ferry from Spring street to Hoboken have had the Subject under Consideration and beg leave to offer the following report.

The Petitioners state in their petition that they are Lessees under the Corporation of [317] *of* the Ferry from Barclay St. to Hoboken: that some time about the 23^{d} of August 1821. A Resolution passed the Board granting to the Petitioners under certain Conditions a team Boat Ferry from the vicinity of Spring street to Hoboken which resolution has not yet been acted on; that they consider a Steam boat as infinitely preferable to a Team boat and though more expensive would place one on the last mentioned Ferry provided they had the Sanction of the Corporation therefor, but that having established a Steam boat at Barclay street Ferry a prosecution has been commenced therefor by the New Jersey Steam boat Company, while they are well satisfied that from the Charter of the City the Corporation possesses the power to grant the right of Ferries to Steam boats or boats propelled in any manner not prohibited by a Patent from the United States.

Shortly after the Petition was presented the Committee thought it inexpedient to report in favour of the Prayer of the Petition so far as it related to the guarantee required by the Petitioners

They have since however determined to put a good & Substantial Steam boat into immediate operation at their Own risk if the Board will grant them the right of a Ferry from a place to be located in the vicinity of Canal Street, to Hoboken. It has long [318] been an opinion very generally entertained that such a Ferry ought to be established; and the Committee are disposed to believe that its establishment upon the plan contemplated by the Messrs Stevens will not only tend to the advantage of a part of the City advancing more rapidly in improvement than perhaps any other district embraced within its limits but cannot fail to be a great public accommodation The Committee would therefore recommend that a grant be made by the Corporation to John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens of a right of Ferry from the vicinity of Canal Street to Hoboken agreably to the terms of the following resolutions

Resolved that upon John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens putting on the Ferry to be established at the vicinity of Canal Street a good and

Substantial Steam boat. of simlar size construction and Efficiency to the one now in use at the Barclay St. Ferry to be approved of by the Ferry Committee for the time being the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a lease to them of such Ferry for the term of Fifteen Years from the First day of May last. at and under the following yearly rents for the first five Years the Yearly rent of One Cent if lawfully demanded [319] for the next Five Years the Yearly rent of Fifty dollars and for the Residue of the term the Yearly rent of Two hundred dollars payable quarterly.

Resolved, that for the first five years the Ferry shall be located about Eighty ft. west of Washington st at a certain Street or intended Street of thirty ft. wide not yet named which Street extends from Washington to West Street, between ground the Site of the late Canal Street Basin on the north Side and ground of Alexander L Stewart on the South Side the first Eighty feet thereof being filled up & the residue under water excepting Such part as is occupied by the Bulkhead erected on the South Side of the Said Basin; and that for the residue of the said term the Ferry Shall be located at such place in the vicinity of Canal Street as shall be designated by the Corporation.

Resolved, that the Said Lease contain a clause granting to John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens the exclusive right of Ferry from the North Battery to Christopher Street and also a Clause requiring that the Steam boat Shall leave the aforesaid Canal Street ferry for Hoboken once at least in every hour from Sunrise to Sunset.

[320] Resolved that the Lease to the Messrs Stevens shall Contain the usual Covenants and Shall be inoperative until the lease held by Mr Hone for the Ferry at Spring Street dated October 2^{d} 1820 be surrendered by Mr Hone to the Corporation.

Resolved that the Said John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens comply with so much of the terms of the first resolution as relates to the putting of the Steam boat on the Said Ferry by the First day of November next.

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
E W King.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner on the Subject of the Assessment for the widening of Bleecker Street presented the following report.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Comm^{r} in addition to his former report concerning the widening of Bleecker Street have had the Subject referred to them under consideration and beg leave to offer the following Report.

By the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment it appears that the whole [321] amount of the Assessment for widening Bleecker Street including the award to Colonel Varick & the expence consequent on the Assessment is Seven hundred and fifty three Dollars Forty Cents \$434 $^{68}/_{100}$ of this Sum is awarded to Richard Varick Esq^{r} by the Commissioners as a compensation for widening the Street in front of his property and for the Surplus Earth opposite his lines, by an agreement Subsequently entered into between the Common Council and Colonel Varick he relinquished the amount awarded to him by the Commissioners on condition of having the Surplus Earth and those parts of the buildings which were in the Street in front of his Block with a further Condition that he be allowed until the first instant to remove them off the Same in the Assessment alluded to an amount of \$550.50 is charged on Certain pieces of property included within its limits formerly belonging to Anthony L Bleecker Esq^{r} and als[o] an amount of \$228.$^{50}/_{100}$ is charged on property belonging to other persons Mr Bleeckers property is exempted from Assessment as appears by a Cession of Certain Streets made by him and ratified by the Common Council on the 8th of June 1807. it will therefore follow that the Sum of \$550.50 Charged upon property [322] of the late Mr Bleecker cannot be collected leaving only \$.228 $^{50}/_{100}$ to be Collected and to be applied as far as it will go towards defraying the expence of the Assessment after which there will still remain a balance of \$90 to be paid by the Common Council.

The only question in the opinion of the committee arising on this report is, " Shall the Sum of \$228.50 assessed on the property not belonging to the estate of the late Mr Bleecker be collected; in relation to the legal question to whom did the Earth belong the Committee have not the least doubt they are decidedly of opinion that upon the Confirmation of the Commissioners by the Supreme Court the Surplus Earth became legally vested in the Common Council and that they had the right to dispose of it in any manner they might See fit, but at the Same time while they have no doubt that the title to the Earth in question was in the Common Council they nevertheless consider this Case as forming a Strong appeal to the justice of this Board and should the Collection be made it would operate with peculiar hardship on some of the owners, alth'o the public Should be indemnified they ought never to make money by the widening & opening of Streets. [323] which would be the Case in the present instance if the Owners of the last mentioned property are not to participate in the benefit of the arrangement made with Col Varick if there had been no Surplus earth on that part of his ground which Was taken for the purpose of Widening & thereby straitening & improving the Street it is not probable the Comm^{rs} would have awarded him any thing they would in all probability have considered his property improved it is therefore evident that the award was almost exclusively for the Earth, as the buildings were of little value let it be supposed that Mr Bleeckers property is liable to be assessed would it be equitable in the Corporation to the amount for which his property which would be the whole amount of the Assessment and avail themselves also of the exclusive benefit of the transfer or Exchange made with Col. Varick, the Committee have no hesitation in saying that in their view it would not. if it were certain that the cession from Bleecker was beneficial to the nighbourhood by lessening the amount of their Assessments it would then be a just reason perhaps why the Common Council Should reap the Sole benefit from the arrangement [324] made with Col. Varick but this does not by any means necessarily follow Commissioners might have considered Mr Bleeckers property more benefitted than damaged by having Streets laid through it as it would be the means of giving him lots fronting on Streets which would otherwise have remained comparatively worthless it has been mentioned that should the Collect*or*[ion] be made it would operate peculiarly hard on the individuals assessed the Committee would call the attention of the Board to one instance that of Mr Low. who alth'o he promptly & generously relinquished two lots for widening the Street is assessed $132 he did this doubtless under an expectation that he would not be taxed for widening the Street elsewhere it would certainly be wrong to compel him to pay this sum under these circumstances while therefore the Common Council were in a legal point of view the owners of this Earth Still in the opinion of Your Committee under the peculiar Circumstances of this Case it would be just to credit the property assessed in the sum of $\$228^{50}/_{100}$ pro rata with the Common Council for the Earth which after deducting $25 from the Sum allowed for the Collector by the Commissioners will leave [325] the sum of $207 to be paid by the Corporation and $26 by the individuals the following resolutions are offered by the Committee

Resolved, that Morris De Camp be authorised to collect the sum of $\$86.^{16}/_{100}$ from the Owners assessed $\$228.^{50}/_{100}$ for the Widening of

Bleecker Street from Thompson to Sullivan Street and that he be allowed $15 to collect the Same.

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
James Hall

Upon the question of agreeing to the Same it passed in the negative. It was then Resolved that Morris De Camp be appointed Collector to Collect said Assessment and that he be allowed therefor the Sum of twenty dollars

The Ald & Assistant of 7th ward on the petition to fill up a Well in Scammell Street & to sink another in Water Street reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of Seventh ward & the Street Commr to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry persons praying that the Well at the Corner of Scammel St. and Water st. may be filled up and a new one built in the vicinity for the reason therein Set forth.

[326] Report.

that they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners is reasonable and proper and therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Asa Mann
William Thorn
R. Graves st. Comr

Which was approved and the Street Commr reported an ordinance agreably thereto which was passed

The Market Committee on the pet of C Gibson for Stall No 26 Washington Market reported as follows

The Market Committee to whom was refered the petition of Cornelius Gibson butcher to obtain Stand No 26 Washington Market occupied by John Ludlum who wishes to relinquish the Stand on account of Ill health

Report.

That Mr Gibson is well recommended as a proper person to hold a Stand and has [327] Served a regular apprenticeship to the Butchers trade they therefore recommend that the above Stand be granted him and that he be licensed for the Same

Resolved that Stand N^o 26 Washington Market be granted to Cornelius Gibson and that he be licensed as a butcher for the Same

respectfully Submitted

Signed Shivers Parker
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Peter Bonsel for Stall N^o 52 Washington Market reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Bonsell butcher praying a grant of Stand N^o 52 Washington market now held by John Chivvis who is willing to give up

Report

That they have made enquiry respecting the above applicant and find his Character and Standing to be good they therefore recommend the prayer of the petitioner be [328] granted on his paying up all the rent now due on said stand and that he receive a butchers license for the Same they offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Stand N^o 52 Washington Market be granted to Peter Bonsel on his paying all the rent now due on said stand

Resolved that he receive a butchers license for the aforesaid Stand.

respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Samuel St. John
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the request of the Comm^{rs} of the Common School fund reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Peter Wendover Esq^r Chairman of the Commissioners of the Common School fund Containing an application to the Corporation for their moiety of the School money to be distributed in this City the present Year beg leave to report the following resolut^n

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to issue a warrant for the sum of Seven thousand [329] two hundred and Eight dollars $^{88}/_{100}$ in favour of the Commissioners of the Common School fund

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward on Petition for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward [333] and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons for a Well and Pump in Wooster Streets between Prince & Houston Streets

Report.

That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly they offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
R. Graves. St. Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for regulating Bedford street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons that Bedford St. may be regulated & paved from Burton Street to Christopher Street

Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolutn

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

[334] (Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh.
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating & paving the Side Walks in Orchard st reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons praying that the Side walks of Orchard street may be regulated & paved from Grand to Stanton Streets.

Report.

That *that* in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
David Marsh
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland

[335] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving a part of Marketfield street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Brown and Others that Marketfield street may be paved from the present pavement at Greenwich st. to the Bulkhead

Report that in their Opinion the prayer *the prayer* of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner on the report of the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th ward presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Water St. near Scammel Street which was passed and [336] Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & John Targee were appointed Assessors.

His Honor the Mayor stated that a request had been made to them by the Assessors of the first ward, that the opinion of the Supervisors of the City and County might be taken as to the propriety of assessing under the late law of this State the Stock of the U. S. Branch Bank. whose Banking house is situated in the First ward Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to consider and report to the Board of Supervisors & to associate other Counsel with himself in the Consideration of the Subject.

The Report of the Market Committee on the Petition of James ODonnel was called up & was as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of James ODonnel representing that he was employed by the Fulton Market Building Committee and performed the Services they required of him, which were very important ones—Vizt detached drawings on a large Scale and a Specification for the Market House.

Report. that they have had the subject [337] before them and have endeavored fully to investigate the above claim the gentlemen composing that Committee except one were not members of this board at present and they State that they have no recollection of having employed Mr O'Donnel to perform any of the above services Alderman Mann the Chairman of that Com^{ee} thinks that the Services required by the Comm^{ee} of Mr O Donell were paid by his receiving the premium for his plan of the Market house which was adopted by the Common Council the question then is are not those Services entirely separate from the plan, it does not appear that Mr O Donell made those drawings two of them being now in the Street Comm^{rs} office Your Committee believe that he performed the services above stated and that he is entitled to Receive pay for them. he has not made any specific charge but from the best information Your Committee Could Obtain One hundred dollars would be a fair Compensat^{n} they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Compt^{r} report a warrant in favour of James O'Donnell *o*for One hundred dollars in full for drawings and Specification for the Fulton mark^{t}

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton John Webb
Samuel St John David Marsh

[338] Whereupon the report was adopted and the Compt^{r} was directed to report a warrant agreably thereto.

The Recorder presented a resolution referring to the Finance Committee to enquire into the expediency of appointing a Deputy to the Clerk of the Courts of Oyer & Terminer & General Sessions of the Peace which was referred accordingly.

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Account 17th instant	$.349.12
Received for tavern licenses	9344.30
" Tax of 1822 for 6. 7. 8. 10th wards	8000.
" Rents	3822.63
" Justices Courts	816.21
" Excise	366.
" Wells & Pumps	200.
" City Prison fees	181.50
" Commutation Alien Passengers	125.
" Real Estate	[illegible]

27. Accounts audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st Dist	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower 3d	645.75
George B Smith Assistant Street Commr 1. Qr Salary 15th inst	337.50
[339] Jacob B Taylor Esqr Charn Commee 4th July expenses	1004.50
Jacob Hays attending & executing Sunday law	15.50
A T Goodrich map of United States for Bd of Hea[l]th	8.50
Thomas Barnum Supt work mud machine to 13th inst	200.15
J Culbert Corporation part regg & pavg Charlton st	390.46
J Culbert Regg & pavg Canal st fr B. Way to Collect	327.37
Jacob Drake & others Commisss fees &c Wideng Dover st	239.50
O Edwards Counsel fees & Court Charges do do	230.23
Edward Doughty Survey and maps 1. Qr 1 inst	43.50
Proprietors of American advertising to redeem Assessts	10.
J Gallagher bal. On Well in Amity Street n Greene	69.02
Geo Charlton do do Greene near Houston st	57.66
R Pettigrew bal Well & Pump Amity n Wooster	57.66
Do do 1st Payment do Provoost n Hudson	45.32
Do do bal do Houston n Sullivan	29.87
Jacob P Roome Supt of Repairs for Docks & Slips	2852.
J P Roome do for Repairs	825.
J. P. Roome do " Fire Department	667.
J. P. Roome do " Pumps	300.
J P Roome do Markets	56.
P. H. Wendover Chairn Comrs of Com Schools 1823	7208.89
Arthur Burtis Supt Alms House Working convicts	1000.
Arthur Burtis do do Alms House	5000.
	23080.88
Balance	155.73

Board adjourned

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[341] In Common Council July 28th 1823

Present The Hon^{ble} Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard [Riker] Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen.
Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann

Assistants.
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel Cowdrey
John Webb
Shivers Parker
W^{m} Thorn

A Quorum not appearing the Mayor adjourned the meeting until Monday next at 5 o.Clock.

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[343] In Common Council August 4th 1823

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen.
Elisha W King
James Hall
George Zabriskie
Robert McQueen
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Jacobus Dyckman
Henry Mead

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel Cowdrey
John Webb
Shivers Parker
W^{m} Thorn
David Marsh
George S Doughty

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A further petition from Meserole & Higgins late Contractors for Street Manure Soliciting an abatement in the Sum to be paid by them on their Contract was read and it was

Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

[344] A Petition *o*for a Well & Pump in Lombardy Street near Scammel Street was read & referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 7th ward & Street Comm^{r}

A Petition of John Kinney for relief from payment of Costs in a suit in one of the Ward Courts against one Larned in which he was plaintiff he having obtained nothing from Defendant and he himself poor and indigent was referred to the Police Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Moses Jaques & Elias D. B. Ogden Proprieto
the Steam boat Atalanta praying that the Corporation will e

term of the Lease for the Ferry to Elizabethtown to the term of ten or Fifteen years. was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Middleton to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood in place of Lewis Guest who on account of his infirmities is unable to attend to its duties was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of the Owners & Occupants of Lots between Gouverneur lane & Old Slip, in Front st. [345] praying the Same may be repaved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Quin to be appointed a City Measurer was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John W Weyman respecting an assessment on house and lot in Chapel Street *in Chaple Street* stating that the Assessment was imposed previous to his purchasing the property and which Mr Betts the Collector declared was fully paid & satisfied and praying relief was referred to the Finance Com^{ee}

A Petition for the relief of Daniel Smith imprisoned for a breach of an ordinance of the Corporation was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Patrick Byrne to be relieved from a fine for which he is imprisonned for Selling liquor without license was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Forsyth Street near Delancy Street was referred to the Ald^{n} and Assistant of the 10th Ward & Street Commissioner

[346] A Petition of Andrew McCready keeper of the Park praying that a temporary Pound may be erected in the vicinity of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Petition of Martin Lochaw for Remission of a fine for driving a Cart without license was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Amos Street near Herring st. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at Corner of 13th Street and Broadway was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Edward Vermilya for appointment as Inspector of Fire wood at Harlaem was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John Sears to be relieved from a fine for breach of an Ordinance of the Corp^{n} was referred to the Police Committee.

[347] A Petition of Peter Burtnett praying that the rent of his Stand N^o 56 Washington market. may be reduced was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of W^m A Hardenbrook stating that Some time ago he conveyed to the Corporation all his real estate in payment of a debt due to them on condition that they Should pay off all judgements which formed a lien on those lands which has been done but that the same still remains open and praying that measures may be taken to have the said Judgement cancelled of Record was read

Whereupon it was resolved that it be referred to the Counsel with instructions to cause Said judgements to be Cancelled.

A Petition from John C Ackerman for relief from a fine incurred under the Street law was referred to the Ald & Assistant of Ward with powers.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at Corner of Hudson & Hamersley Streets was read & granted.

A Petition for a Well & Pump at Corner of King & Hudson Streets was read and granted.

[348] A Petition that Herring Street may be paved from Carmine st. to Christopher Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Prince & Wooster Streets was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 8th ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition to have the Carriageway of Hudson Street between Duane and Anthony Street taken up & raised, and the Side Walks widened was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Noah Jarvis for permission to Construct a Vault at 435 Broome st. was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Marley for permission to occupy a part of Elm Street as a covered Area was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 8th ward and Street Commissioner.

His Honor the Mayor Presented a note addressed to him from the President of Columbia College inviting the Corporation to attend the Procession [349] from the College green tomorrow at 9 oclock and attend the Exercises of the Commencem^t of said Institution which was read & it was

Resolved that the Members accept said Invitation and will attend the Procession tomorrow

The President of the College having invited the Memb

Common Council to dine With the President and officers of the College tomorrow His Honor the Mayor was requested to inform their President that the Corporation were under the necessity of declining his polite invitation as they had some time since accepted an invitation from the Governors of the New York Hospital to meet them tomorrow at the Bloomingdale Asylum.

A Petition that Thompson Street be regulated & Paved from Spring to Prince st. was referred to the Street Committee

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Engine N^{o} 4

John Adams Blacksmith 53 Cedar Street vice Benjamin Townsend resigned

W^{m} Wallace Cabinet maker 15 Lombardy st vice Andrew Shorthill dead

[350] N^{o} 13

Daniel Fergerson Upholsterer 152 Fulton st vice John Ridley Resigned

N^{o} 14

John Ridley Engraver, Pearl st vice Richard Jacob Resigned

N^{o} 39.

W^{m} W Young Jeweller 69 Broad Street vice Frederick T Peet app^{d} F. W.

The Street Commissioner presented a final Return of Delinquents on Sundry Assessm^{ts} which was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee}

He also presented a Remonstrance against the petition for repaving Front Street from Old Slip to Coenties Slip which was referred to the Street Committee

He also presented the following ordinances which were passed

An Ordinance for Regulating & Paving Bedford St from Burton to Christopher St. & John Bedient John Targee and Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors.

Also for Paving Washington Street from Watts [351] to Charlton Street & John Targee Benjamin Prince & John Brower were appointed Assess^{rs}

Also for paving Marketfield St from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead & John Salisbury John Brower & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating and Paving Dover Street from Franklin Square to Water Street & Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince & John Targee were app^{d} Assessors.

He also presented the following report & ordinance

The Street Commissioner herewith Covers a draft of an Ordinance for repaving a part of Beaver lane and for regulating and Paving the remainder *o*from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead in Order that it may be passed and assessors appointed thereto

The St. Com^{r} begs leave to State that Mr CrookShank is the Agent for all the Owners of the Property on that part of the Street and is desirous to have an Ordinance passed upon which he will proceed immediately in having the Street paved in Conformity therewith under which Circumstances the [352] Undersigned is of the opinion that the Ordinance Should be passed Without the usual formality of a petition—Reference, advertising, &c &c which will occasion a delay of at least Six Weeks and the nuisance remain unabated for that time or longer—All Which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves St. Comm^{r}

Whereupon the Ordinance was passed and James Bleecker Benjamin Prince & John Bedient were appointed Assessors

He also presented an*d* Ordinance for regulating and paving Collister Street from Beach to Laight Street & Isaac Kip John Salisbury & James Bleecker were app^{d} Assessors.

Also for Paving the Side Walks of Orchard Street from Grand to Stanton Street & Benj^{n} Prince Ab. Dally & James Bleecker. were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well & Pump in King Street near Hudson Street & John Bedient John Salisbury & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and Pump in Hamersley Street between Hudson Street & Varick Street & Francis [353] Peckwell Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well & Pump in Wooster Street between Prince & Houston Street & Francis Peckwell Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector to whom was referred the Complaint against a Starch Manufactory in Stanton Street reported as follows

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board on the petition of Sundry Inhabitants in Stanton Street and its Neighbourhood respecting a Manufactory of Starch in Stanton Street and its up
some consequences. that he has examined the manufa
it free from any kind of Nuisance and if any

from the passage of its Waters to the East River he could not perceive it, to arrest the progress of any manufactory it is presumed can only be done by a Grand Jury's examination and an indictment founded on Satisfactory proofs that it is a nuisance calling for the Public Controul to abate it.

(Signed) George Cumming, C. I.

Which was directed to be filed.

[354] He also reported Ordinances for correction of Nuisances Which were passed. Viz^t

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting Nuisances

N°	1	Robert Bogardus	Owner		Canal Street	A Lot.
	2	L Ferris	do		Rivington st	do
	3	G Thorburn	do	60	Bayard st	do
	4	Stewart Elder	do		Grand	do
	5	John McComb	do		West st.	do
	6	E Smith	Occupant		Broad St	do
	7	J Southwick	do		West st	do
	8	T & J Lovett	owners		Lawrence st	do
	9	D°	D°		D°	do
	10	*J* [T] Quick	do	19	Water st	do
	11	A L Stewart	do	46	Watts	do
	12	do	do		Provoost st	do
	13	Peter A Jay	do		Elm & Walker	do
	14	do	do		" & Pump	do
	15	do	do		" & Canal st	do
	16	do	do		do do	do
	17	Peter J *Munn* [Munroe]	do		do do	do

(Signed) Geo. Cumming. C. I.

The Comptroller presented 2 Releases for Commutation of Quit Rent to Frederick De Peyster Esq^r as Surviving Executor of John Charlton deceased which were referred to the Finance Committee

[355] The Attorney presented a deed to the Congregation of Sherath Israel for a gore of land in Oliver Street which was laid on the table until the Coming in the Report of the Finance Committee on that Subject. It was afterwards Called up & directed to be executed.

The Attorney also reported a Water Grant for lots at Brooklyn to Rodman Bowne & Samuel Bowne which were directed to be duly Executed.

He also presented the following report in the case of Samuel Gibson.

The Attorney of the Board reports the Case of Samuel Gibson who [illegible]formed against [illegible] of the Law to regulate the [illegible] building [illegible] for which amount to $75.

But the defendant is represented to be so poor & destitute as to be Assisted by the Alms House and is consequently wholly unable to pay the fines. The Inspector of the 7th ward has examined the Premises and reports the nuisance as removed and recommends that the defendant be discharged which under the Circumstances of the Case is considered advisable by the Subscriber and he therefore [356] respectfully represents the case to the board for their directions

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Fine was remitted.

He also reported in the Cases of Captains John C Thwing & Mulford Howes Junr as follows.

The Attorney of the Board reports the Case of John C Thwing Captain of the Brig Sophronia who was sued for not bonding three Alien Passengers which was done by him afterwards to the satisfaction of his Honor the Mayor and he has also paid the Costs. In such Cases it has been usual for the Board to remit the penalty which is respectfully recommended by the Subscriber

Signed M. Ulshoeffer.

The Attorney of the Board likewise reports the Case of Mulford Howes Junior of the Sloop Sabine from Boston who was sued for not bonding an Alien Passenger This he has since done and paid the Costs. The Remission of the penalty is respectfully recommended

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

[357] Whereupon the Penalties were remitted

The Special Committee consisting of the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th 9 & 8th wards on the Petition of Thomas L Ogden Nicolas Fish & others. to regulate Avenues C & D. reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nicolas Fish and others proprietors of land on the East River above North St. Respectfully Report.

That they have viewed the land referred to have been attended by the memorialists and have heard their representations and explanations

The Leading Objects of the memorial are to induce the Corporation to make a final Election as to the occupation of the piece of land designated on the Commissioners map as a marsh

tain a reduction in the width of the Short Avenue

It is stated in the memorial and the fact is unquestionable that the extensive tract of sunken meadow land lying between North Street and Brandy mulah Point cannot be improved with any prospect of Benefit to [358] the Owners unless upon the most Economical Scale of Expense and under all the Encouragements which can be offered by the Corporation Consistently with the public Interests.

The late Appointment of Commissioners to determine on a permanent plan for regulating the Elevation of the ground in this vicinity appears to afford a satisfactory pledge to the Proprietors that all Superfluous Expense will be avoided and to have Excited among them a general disposition to proceed with Improvements if the objects of their present application can be secured before the Surplus Earth near Corlears hook Shall have been removed.

The Situation of the Piece of land appropriated for a market place by the Commissioners appears to your Committee not to be an advantageous or convenient one for the purpose Contemplated. It may be well doubted whether it can ever be advantageously occupied for such purpose. most Certainly it cannot be so occupied until after the lapse of a great number of Years and never to the Extent of the Present Plan Under these Circumstances the Committee have not the least hesitation in saying that it [359] would be unwise in the Corporation to Subject themselves to any Expense whatever in order now to entitle them to the possession of this property and as the ultimate benefit is very remote & uncertain they are decidedly of opinion that it would not be politic in regard to the Public interests nor just in respect to the individual Owners to retain any further Controul over it inasmuch as for the reasons stated in the memorial it appears evident to your Committee that So long as the extensive piece of land Consisting of several acres shall be indefinitely reserved for public purposes the improvement of all the Contiguous property must be necessarily retarded

In this Section of the City the new plan of the Commissioners first connects itself with the Old Plan and it is therefore particularly desirable in reference to future arrangements with regard to Streets that the ground Should be filled up So that a regular system of Improvement may be commenced and the Conveniences & advantages of the new plan exhibited & realized.

The importance of this suggestion will be apparent upon adverting to Some of the New Streets lately [360] proposed to be opened between the two rivers Especially 13th Street which extends from river to river

It may be observed moreover that the improvement of this Part of the City would add to the public revenue by inducing the Owners of the Waters lots immediately to take out their grants

Under these views of these subject your Com^{ee} are of opinion that it will on every principle be expedient to relinquish all right to the Market place.

With regard to the Short Avenues the reasoning of the memorialists appears to be conclusive Terminating in the river within a short distance from the place of their Commencement and being incapable of use as thoroughfares to and from the City they cannot be considered as avenues in the proper Sense of the term. The ground through which they pass is low and must be filled up at Considerable expense Your Committee are therefore of opinion that there is no adequate motive for insisting on the width required by the Commissioners plan and that these Short Avenues may with propriety be reduced A to Eighty feet & B C & D to Sixty feet each the reduction to be taken from the East. [361] Side of said Avenues so as to correspond as far as possible with the Old Streets of which they will form the Continuation & be called by the Same names & be regulated by the Corporation as Streets.

Some of the Proprietors have strongly urged on Your Committee the propriety of relinquishing the right of the Corporation to the irregular pieces of land called Children of necessity formed by the Junction of First and Second Street with North Street.

These angles have already created a legal Controversy between the Corporation and one of the Proprietors the possession of them cannot be advantageous to the Corporation and in retaining their present controul over them the same injurious effects will be produced in regard to improvements

Your Committee conclude by recommending to the adoption of the Corporation the following resolutions,

Resolved that all the right and claim of the Corporation to the land on the East river between Seventh & Tenth Streets appropriated for a Market place ought to be released to the Owners of the said land.

Resolved. that all the right & Claim of the [362] Corporation to the narrow Strips of land between First Street & North Street and between Second & north Street which will remain after Continuing First & Second Streets to North St. ought to be released to the Owners of the Said land The Owners to fill up the Streets through said land, free of expense to the Corporation.

Resolved that Avenue A ought to be reduced to Eighty fee

Avenues B. C & D to 60 f't, Each the reduction being made from the East Side thereof

Resolved that application be made to the Legislature to authorise the above mentioned releases and alterations and that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a petition accordingly

(Signed) Henry Mead
George S Doughty
Jacobus Dyckman
David Marsh
Jacob B Taylor.

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Committee on the Alms House to whom was referred the Memorial of the Trustees of the Free School Society respecting the Establishment of a school at the Alms House [363] on the Lancastrian plan reported as follows

The Committee on the Alms House and Penitentiary to whom was referred the Memorial of the Trustees of the New York Free School Society for the establishment of a School at Bellevue on the Lancasterian System

Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered this application and have enquired into the practicability and advantages of Establishing a School of the kind above mentioned at the New York Alms House. In the performance of their duties Your Committee have visited some of New York Free Schools and it need hardly be stated that the result of their Inquiries and observation has been a confirmed conviction of the preeminent advantages of this method of Instruction over any other that has hitherto existed. indeed the merits of it are so well known and attested by all who have taken an interest in the advancement of knowledge especially among the Poorer Classes that any commendations in its favour on the part of your committee would be altogether Superfluous Why it is that the numerous Children who for years have been and must continue the Subjects of the Public bounty and guardianship in the Alms House have not participated fully in the benefits [364] of this improvement it would be difficult to account and vain to enquire None certainly require or are entitled to it more and in no portion of the indigent and friendless members of the Community have the public so direct a concern for their improvement and meliorated condition as in those who in their very infancy and childhood are obliged to depend upon the Charitable Insti [illegible] blic for their

Support Lest there should be any misconception on the present treatment of the Children in the Alms House the Committee beg leave to refer to a former report made by them and to repeat what is there Stated. "That the Children receive a full Share of the attention "of the Commissioners They are in excellent health Their habits "are Orderly and regular and there are four Schools in the Alms "House in which they are taught the most useful branches comprehending reading Writing & Arithmetic

The advantages to be expected from the introduction of the Lancasterian or monitorial plan are those that are peculiar to the plan itself namely Facility & Expedition order & Emulation Concentration of Effort & Economy "It arrives at its objects said a Well Informed and Able Writer with the least possible trouble & at the least [365] Possible Expense It may be objected that if a School of this plan Should be introduced at the Alms House, it will be calculated to attach the Children more permanently to the place and that their parents & relatives will be less willing that they should be removed from it & placed out to learn trades & Employment Your Committee are aware that from the excellence of this System of Education Such an effect may properly be produced But while the consequence may be the longer Continuance of these Children as Paupers they will at the Same time when they shall be bound out by the Commissioners be better qualified in point of Elementary knowledge to fill their different Situations as apprentices than they would otherwise be and thus these Children of the Public will be enabled to repay the exertions now made in their behalf by their Capacity for future Usefulness and what shall now be the occasion of some temporary additional Expense may be the means of reducing it in its future operation, upon Society. But whether these results are to be fully realized or not the duty is conceived to be obvious and imperative of putting those Children on a course of instruction that shall enable them to gain the greatest quantity [366] of useful knowledge in the Shortest space of time with the least labour to themselves *with the least labour to themselves* and with the least difficulty to those who have the Management of their Support and Superintendance And the Commissioners will retain the Power and be charged with the duty of putting out the Children as apprentices whenever they shall think proper.

The number of Children now in the Alms [House] is about Four hundred and fifty of Which number Three hundred and fifty are fit to be put to School and the amount which will be drawn from the Common School fund will it is estimated indemnify the Free School

Society for the Salary of the Teacher. So that the Corporation will not probably incur any increase of expense on account of the improvement beyond the preparing of a proper building and accommodations for the School with perhaps the boarding of the teacher On this branch of the subject the Commissioners of the Alms House have been consulted & they concur with your Committee in opinion that it would be sufficient for the present to alter the School House now in use and let the first operations on the proposed plan be [367] Conducted there. The Committee .therefore recommend the following resolutions.

1st Resolved that permission be granted to the trustees of the New York Free School society to Establish a Free School at Bellevue pursuant to their memorial. Which Free School is to be entitled to an annual distribution from the Common School fund for the City of New York rateably with the other Free Schools in the Said City

2nd Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be authorised to repair the School room and furniture now in use in the Alms House for the abovementioned purpose

3dly Resolved that the Children who may be put to the Said School shall be subject to the controul and directions of the Commissioners of the Alms [House] in all respects except as to the method of instruction & the internal Government of the said School And that such of the Children as are or shall be engaged at trades or other useful employments in the Alms House during the ordinary School Hours shall be instructed by the teacher of said School at Extra periods daily under such regulations as to time as shall be agreed upon between the Commissioners of the Alms House and the trustees of the said [368] Free School Society

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) S Cowdrey
Shivers Parker
George S Doughty
E. W. King

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Committee of Repairs agreably to the resolutn of the 23d of June reported as follows.

The Committee on Repairs in Compliance with the resolution of the Common Council of the 23d of June ult. have Examined the accounts of the Superintendant of Repairs for the last Six months Ending on the 25th of June 1823. One hundred and Eighty in number amounting [to] \$16993.$^{0}{}^{3}/_{100}$ paid for materials and labour for Building Engines Repairing Public Buildings Wharves Piers &c as follows.

One Foreman for work on Engines At	175	Cents	per day
Two men do do	162½	"	"
Eight Carpenters	125	"	"
One Foreman at Pump work	175	"	"
Two men do	125	"	"
One foreman at Blacksmiths Shop	175	"	"
One Man	125	"	"
One Man	112½		
Three men	100	"	"
[369] Two Cartmen	$00.94	per day	
One Man repairing Wells	1.25		
One Dock Builder (Storms)	2.	"	
One Foreman to do	1.50	"	
men working at repairs of Docks	1.12½	"	

The whole of Said Work is done under the Care & inspection of the Superintendant of Repairs who the Committee have the fullest Confidence in and believe the greatest Economy is used in all respects in the purchasing of materials & Saving of labour and they are of opinion no Reduction Can be made from the foregoing Charges consistent with the Public good

All which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John Webb
W^{m} Thorn

Which was ordered to be filed.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Edward Morris reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Morris setting forth that he had purchased from the Corporation a lot of ground at the Corner of Grand & Elm Streets which lot was described in the advertisement under which it was Sold as containing in breadth 5 feet & in length 52 feet. But when the Petitioner Came to take [370] possession of said lot and have it surveyed it was found to Contain 6¾ inches less in breadth and 6 ft in length, and that the said deficiency in breadth was in possession and occupied by the house of one W^{m} Jones and the said deficiency in length was in the possession of Eliza Gedney and that the said parties so in possession of the said premises so conveyed to the said petitioner refused to give up the possession to him. And that he had brought suits against the said Eliza Gedney and W^{m} Jones which suits had terminated in favour of the defendants The petitioner therefore prays that the Corporation would return him so much of the purchase money as would be in proportion to the said deficiency of ground and so much as would defray the expences of said suit.

The Committee beg leave to report that it is true as stated in said petition that the advertisement under which the sale was made to the petitioner did describe the said lot of ground as contain'g a few inches more in breadth and a few feet more in length than by subsequent surveys it appeared was *was* in the possession of the Corporation the deficiency not being known to the officers of the Corporation at the time But as soon as the said deficiency [371] was made known to the board by a former petition of said Morris The Finance Committee to whom Such petition was referred after Conferring with Mr Morris on the Subject offered to Report to the Board a resolution to take back the lot and return to him the whole of the purchase money but the petitioner wholly refused to Comply with such an arrangement and demanded of the Board a large and in the Opinion of Your Committee an unreasonable amount of damages. The Committee therefore reported against his petition Mr. Morris not being satisfied with the decision of the Board preferred a subsequent petition on the same subject which was also referred to the Finance Committee the Chairman of which took immediate measures to ascertain the precise situation of the property and on being informed by Mr William Jones whose house occupied, as above stated a few inches of the said lot that he Mr Jones would take the lot if Morris would surrender it and would give forty dollars more for it than Morris had given being very desirous to effect an amicable Settlement with Morris The Chairman offered to report a resolution to the Board to take back the property and return him the whole of his purchase money and give him Fifty dollars besides as remuneration for [372] his trouble But he again refused the offer and repeated his former demand of large & as your Committee thought unreasonable damages After due deliberation Your Committee are of opinion that under all the Circumstances of the Case the Petitioner is not entitled to any damages or remuneration from the Board And therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not granted

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Howard & Sarah Lee reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Howard Lee & Sarah Lee for an extension of time for the payment of an Assessment on the House and lot N^{o} 46 Maiden lane respectfully

Report

That this is a case among several others which have occurred of a like nature where it would have given your Committee [373] peculiar pleasure to have reported a resolution for their relief had they deemed it anywise Compatible with the Public Interest But they have in every similar Case refused to recommend any extension of time for the payment of assessments on the ground of the manifest inconvenience and inexpediency of departing from the long established rule and uniform practice of the Corporation

This Committee therefore feel themselves Compelled by a sense of Duty to offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance committee on the petition of the Congregation of Sherath Israel reported Viz^{t}

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of Sherath Israel Stating that they were ready to pay the balance due on the Assessment for opening Oliver St. [374] and requesting that a deed might be executed to them for the Gore of land which they had formerly contracted for with the Corporat^{n} situate in Oliver Street and stating further that the Assessment on their property had been unusually heavy and on that ground praying that the interest due thereon to the Corporation might be taken at a rate less than 7 per Cent p^{r} Annum and requesting also that on account of their not having had possession of the gore of land which they had contracted for the taxes on the same amounting to about 60 dollars might be remitted to them

Respectfully Report that in Compliance with their request of the said trustees that a deed might be executed to them for the said Gore of land in Oliver Street the Counsel of the Board has prepared deed for their acceptance and sanction But the Committee conceive that the extraordinary amount of the Assessment on their property as alleged by them is sufficient ground on which to depart from the usages and Custom of this Board as to the rate of interest charged on Assessments which has uniformly been 7 per Cent per Annum nor do they Conceive that the circumstances of the trustees not having been in the possession [375] of the Gore of land which they had contracted for as above stated sufficient ground on which to urge the remission of taxes due thereon inasmuch as the Corporation were always ready to give such possession on their receiving the price which said trustees had agreed to give for the same

The Committee therefore offer the following resolutions

Resolved that it is inexpedient either to reduce the rate of Interest on the Assessment or to remit the taxes on the said gore of land

Resolved that the deed of the said gore of Land in Oliver Street prepared and Submitted by the Counsel be executed and delivered to the trustees of Sherath Israel on their paying their accounts with the Corporation

(Signed) James Hall
George Zabriskie
S. Cowdrey
W^m^ H Ireland.

Which was approved and the rosolution adopted.

The Watch Committee in pursuance of the resolution of the 23^d^ of June presented the following report.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred [376] the annexed petition of Sundry inhabitants *of Sundry inhabitants* resident in the Eastern district of the First ward lying between Coffee house Slip and the lower part of Broad St. requesting that on account of the remoteness of the place from the watch house in that district that a watch house may be erected somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Franklin Market respectfully Report

That the City is at present divided into three Watch districts and a Watch house is attached to each that these districts have been laid out with a due regard to the convenience of the Several Sections of the City, the First district in which these petitioners reside is less in extent than any of the others but notwithstanding owing to the denseness of its population & the very large amount of property in that part of the City a greater number of Watchmen have been stationed in and attached to that district than to either of the others so that the habitations & property of our Citizens of this district are as effectually protected as in any other portion of our City, besides this the building of a Watch house and the Consequent Establishment of an an additional district would augment very considerably our expenditures already burthensome [377] ground could not be purchased in that part of the City and a suitable house erected for a much less sum than $10000 the interest on this and the other incidental expences would amount Annually to at least $3000 the Committee are therefore of opinion that inasmuch as the Establishment of another Watch District would be attended with a great Expence and as no reason has been assigned which could not be urged with equal if not greater propriety by the inhabitants of other districts that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners. the following resolution is therefore Submitted.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Asa Mann
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty
John Webb
James Hall

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Watch Committee in pursuance of the resolution of the 23^{d} of June presented the following report.

In Pursuance of a resolution of this Board passed on the 23^{d} of June last by which [378] the Several Committees and officers therein named are directed to examine into the different subjects connected with their respective departments which involve expenditures payable by The Corporation or otherwise and report to this board as speedily as possible with a view to the enquiry whether any retrenchments are practicable or not and state their opinion affirmatively or negatively on each head, the Watch Comm^{ee} have examined into the several subjects connected with that department and respectfully offer the following report

The annual amount expended under this department for the Several objects connected therewith forms a very considerable item of those expenditures deemed indispensably necessary to the good government and well being of this City few Subjects relating to our [illegible] policy are more important whether it is viewed in vast expence incurred or the objects intended to be promoted thereby, in this light it has been considered by this Committee and they have accordingly endeavored to bestow upon it that deliberate consideration that a subject of such magnitude deservedly required

The total amount paid the last Year for [379] Watching the City amounted to $54730. It is obvious that by far the greater part of this sum is expended in paying the Captains and other Watchmen for their Services. the other subjects of Expenditure are trivial in Comparison to these, consisting Chiefly of Fuel, light &° and in which perhaps little or no saving can be made the Sole enquiry is whether any retrenchment be practicable under the first mentioned head of Expenditures and this can only be effected by lessening the number of Watchmen or by reducing their pay, as to the former the Committee think it would be inexpedient to lessen their number, some parts of the City Even now Complain that they are not Sufficiently guarded and in Several instances the Board have been petitioned to increase the Number. And Your Committee have this day reported against an application for the establishment of an additional Watch district.

By an Ordinance of this Board the Captains of the Watch now receive $\$1.^{50}/_{100}$ per night the Assistants $1.12½ and the other Watchmen 75 Cents and where the importance of the duties that devolve on this class of our Citizens and the hardships and privations incident to a faithful & viligant discharge of those duties is considered [380] it is believed by the Committee that the sums respectively received by them cannot be thought Extravagant or more than an adequate compensation, this Compensation should be proportioned to the Services rendered and Should never be fixed so low as that good men could not be obtained, men of integrity and in whom full Confidence can be reposed, should alone be engaged, a reduction in the wages of the Watch took place Some Years since no doubt in Consequence of the Change in the price of living; and the unavoidable expences incurred in Supporting a Family are not it is believed diminished since that period It would be gratifying to the Committee if it were in their power to recommend any retrenchment. if it were even trifling in amount, but they are of opinion after having fully reflected upon the Several items of Expenditure connected with the department entrusted to them that no retrenchment can be made,

Your Committee are informed that the City of Philadelphia is watched at an expence much less than New York & that the plan there adopted is that the lamps are lighted and the City watched by the same persons how [381] far it may be expedient or practicable to adopt this System here the Committee are not at present prepared to say as they are not possessed of the details of the plan or the requisite information to enable them to form a satisfactory opinion, it is however a subject that deserves the consideration of the Board.

The Committee deem it but just in conclusion to remark that the Strictest attention appears to be paid by the Several Captains of the watch to the rules and Ordinances of the Common Council prescribing their duties that every omission & neglect of Duty is not only promptly noticed but immediately reported to the Committee nevertheless it Should not be thought surprising that among so large a number some should be found unworthy of the trust reposed in them the Committee have good reason to Suppose that the number of Such is small. the above is respectfully Submitted by the Committee.

(Signed) Asa Mann
George Zabriskie
John Webb
George S Doughty
James Hall.

Which was ordered to be filed.

[382] The Special Committee to whom was referred to consider the propriety of discontinuing the proceedings on the Appeal in the court of Errors from the Opinion of the Supreme Court in the Case of the Canal st Assessment reported as follows.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider the propriety of directing a discontinuance of the appeal to the Court of Errors in relation to the Canal Street Assessment.

Respectfully Report.

That Your Committee have devoted to the Subject all the attention its importance demanded, the Committee have heard the objections of the parties who complain that the Assessment is incorrect. They have also heard the Assessors and ascertained fully from them the principles upon which they predicated their Assessment. Your Committee have also read and maturely considered the reasons assigned by the Supreme Court for reserving the Assessment made by the Assessors And that your Committee might the more clearly understand the principles upon which the opposition of the Common Council to the decision of the Supreme Court will be presented to the Court [383] of Errors have also examined the Case made

Counsel of the Board together with the Map attached to the Said Case, Upon Which case and map the question before the Court of Errors must be determined.

Your Committee having had recourse to all the Sources of information above Stated have arrived at a conclusion that it is highly inexpedient in this Board to resist any further the decision of the Supreme Court. Under this Conviction they respectfully Submit the following resolutions.

Resolved that the Attorney and Counsel of the Board discontinue all proceedings on the Writ of Errors to the Supreme Court in relation to the Canal Street Assessment.

Resolved that the new Assessment be made and that*
be such Assessors.

(Signed) R. Riker
Henry J Wyckoff
Henry Mead
George S Doughty
George Zabriskie

Upon the question of agreeing to the first resolution Ald Mann required that the Ayes & Noes be entered: Upon the question being taken thereon the Res^{n} was carried in the affirmative the members voting as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald King Hall Zabriskie Mead Mr Bolton St John Ireland Webb Marsh Doughty 11

Negative His honor the Mayor Ald McQueen Mann Taylor Dyckman Mr. Cowdrey Parker Thorn 8

When the division was about to be taken Ald Zabriskie requested that he might be excused from voting, as, having been assessed $\$12.^{50}/_{100}$ for the Sewer, he might be considered as having an interest The Recorder Ald King & Ald McQueen stated that they had also an interest therein the two former, it was against the vote they should give The Board however determined that their interest was not such as should exclude their vote and they accordingly voted. The Subject of appointing Assessors was referred back to the same Committee.

[384] The Comptroller reported

Balance as per act. 21 July		155.73
Received	for Streets	23356.93
"	tax of 1822 2 6 7 8 10 Wards	8750.82
"	Rents	5226.98
		37490.46

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* Assessors appointed later; see page 277.—ED.

60 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd do	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d "	645.75
R Graves St Comr 1 Qr Salary 15 July	375.
J Morton C. C. C. 1 Qr 1st Augt	300.
Wm J Waldron Assit Cy Ir 1 month	47.25
Obadiah Ayres do "	47.25
Asten & Cochran Messengers "	54.
Chas Gilman Keeper of Battery	34.87
Andrew McCready " Park	34.87
Daniel H Magee Pottersfield	38.75
John Taylor Street Inspector 1st ward	31.
Peter Wright " 2 "	31.
Thomas Jeroleman " 3	31.
Nicolas B Lyon " 4	31.
Abraham Ackerman " 5	31.
William Kerr " 6	31.
Benjamin Fuller " 7	31.
Samuel Hutchings " 8	31.
Daniel Hubbard " 10	31.
[385] Wm J Waldron Asst City Insp removing Nuisances 6 mo. 1st inst	66.15
Benjn Hicks Assist Board of Health 1st June	47.25
Jonathan Pinckney do do do	47.25
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3d Ward Courts. 1 Qr	400.
E Morrill do 4. 6. do "	400.
H Scovill do 7, 10 " "	400.
D M Coudrey Clk 1, 2, 3, " "	187.50
Geo Betts " 4 & 6 " "	187.50
Wm H Smith " 7 " 10 " "	187.50
Wm Sherwood 1 Qr rent Court 1, 2, 3 wards	35.
N Bartlett 1 Qr " 4 & 6 " "	25.
P H Wendover for Sheriff Officers attending Courts. 1 Qr 1st inst	1218.37
do do Deputies Convy Prisoners to Penitenty	26.50
S Montgomery & Officers Serving Subpoenas 1. Qr 1st inst	268.75
P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1. inst	474.75
Proprietor National Advocate. subscription 6 mo	50.
J Bremner Clk Catharine Market. 1 mo. 1 inst	58.
E Frost do Fulton " "	41.66
George Duryea do Franklin	38.75
Isaac Asten do Sweeper Fulton market	54.09
James O. Donnell in full of Drawing &c do	100.
Thomas Barnum Sups work mud machine 27 July	126.50
G Snethen Sups lights lamps 1 mo	655.60
George Pryer 10 Casks of Oil	406.26
Robert Provoost Reps lamps 1 mo. 1st inst	82.98

Dan^{l} Biggs Work at Lamps 1 Q^{r}	50.14
Morris De Camp Corp^{n} Assess^{t} Widening Dover St	2300.
[386] H Smith repairing at Albany basin	280.80
A H Mooney repair^{s} inters^{n} 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 wards	112.02
James McBride Earth on Bulk head Chamber & Duane Streets	78.64
Samuel Fargey pav^{g} new Gutters at Bulkhead do	42.40
Lang Turner & Co. Advertising to redeem assessm^{ts} sale 26 sept 1822	10.12
R Graves Street Com^{r} repairing roads	800.
J Gallagher 1st Payment well Church n Leonard st	52.38
G Charlton 1st payment well Laight n Canal st	31.50
J P Roome supt of Repairs for Repairs	300.
Jacob P Roome Sup^{t} repairs rep^{g} Pier at Albany basin no. river Corp^{n} proportion	249.
A Burtis Superintendant Alms House Officers 1 Q^{r} salary	537.50
A Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House for Alms House	5000.
John Fleming treas^{r} to pay Dividends City Stock 1 Q^{r} 1 inst	18.500.
	$37187.10
Balance	$.303.36

[387] Special Meeting In Common Council. Aug^{t} 11th 1823.

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
James Hall	Samuel St John
George Zabriskie	W^{m} H Ireland
Asa Mann	Samuel Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor	John Webb
	Shivers Parker
	W^{m} Thorn.

The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with

The Mayor Stated this meeting was called for the purpose of proceeding in the consideration and revisal of the Laws.

A Petition of Peter D. Demerest for license as a Cartman was read and referred to his honour the Mayor with a recommendation to grant a license to Petitioner upon his giving the usual Securities

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 12 for a new Engine was referred to the Committee on [388] the Fire Department

A Petition that the Wharf at the foot of Roosevelt St. may be paved was presented read & referred to the Street Committee

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* Marginal note reads *Continued from Page 383.*—ED.

A Petition that Laurence St. may be regulated & paved from Bleecker St. to Amity lane was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of George Bakewell for permission to remove House N^{o} 61 Crosby Street to the Opposite side of the Street was referred to the Ald. & Assistant of the 8th ward with authority &c.

A Letter from the Hon Nathan Sandford Chancellor of the State stating the necessity of the Assistant Register of the Court of Chancery having an office for the Safe keeping of public Papers in a Public Building and soliciting that a room may be assigned for that purpose was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Street Commissioner in pursuance of the res^{n} of the 23^{d} of June last presented the following Report.

[389] The Street Commissioner in Obedience to the requisitions contained in a resolution of the Common Council passed the 23^{d} of June last to examine into and report on Subjects connected with his department which Involve Expenditure payable by the Corporation begs leave to present the following brief report.

On a careful Examination of the Subjects connected with his department he has not been able to discover that any material alteration can be made by which a reduction of Expences will benefit the Corporation or Individuals.

The rapid increase of this City has necessarily increased the Expenditures on the Corporation as well as individual Citizens but by no means in proport^{n} to its unparalleled growth. the duties required to be performed by the Street Commissioner and his Assistant are at least four fold to what they were ten years ago and yet the Expences charged the Corporation are far Short of that proportion which may be accounted for by the Care and attention paid by the Several Committees of the Corporation in investigating the Several Subjects involving expenditures and particularly those connected with the Street Commissioners department. The expence for repairing the pavements of the [390] *of the* intersections of Streets and at the heads of public Slips has considerably increased and will necessarily increase from the consideration that they are used much more than the Streets in other parts, the intersections of the Streets have double the wear to any other part and are kept in repair wholly at the Expence of the Corporation so that Every Street which is paved in a Short time adds to the public expenditures, whether the plan which has been suggested to keep the Streets [in] repair from the public treasury would lessen the Burthen on the public or be attend with beneficial consequences remains to be tested by experience

The fees for Surveys of Streets preparatory to their being regulated and paved the fees for Assessing and Collecting it is believed is not too high for the services rendered On the whole the Street Commissioner cannot perceive any beneficial results from any alteration in the present plan pursued in his department would be derived by either the Corporation or individuals

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves st. Com^r^

Which was directed to be filed.

[391] The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance for paving the Side walks in Washington Street from Beach to Watts Street which was passed and John Targee Benjamin Prince and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Hudson Street between Duane & Anthony street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the within Petition, of E Weeks & others to have Hudson Street repaved between Duane & Anthony Streets

Report.

That they have examined the premises and are of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the present descent from the Westerly Side of Hudson Street through Thomas St is insufficient to Carry off the Water so as to prevent its Stagnation

they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that Hudson Street be repaved from Duane St. to Anthony Street or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry off the water freely through Thomas Street to Chapel St Sewer.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland

[392] Which was approved the resolution adopted and the Street Comm^{r} reported an ordinance therefor which was passed.

The Street Comm^{r} on the Report of the Street Comm^{ee} presented an ordinance for Repaving Hudson Street between Duane & Anthony Street which was passed and Isaac Kip J^{no} Salisbury & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Ald Zabriskie presented the following resolut^{n} which was adopted.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to procure a Bell for the Watch House of the third District and that he be authorised to dispose of the Old Bell to the best advantage.

Mr Thorn presented a resolution for reconsidering the vote of last Evening on Subject of appeal to Court of Errors in the Case of the Canal St Assessm^{t} the Mayor declared the Same out of Order. Mr Parker then moved that the 18th rule of the rules & orders of the Common Council be on this occasion dispensed with the question being taken thereon & the Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his casting vote in the affirmative [393] So the rule was dispensed with. Mr Thorn moved a resolution as follows

Resolved that the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board directing the discontinuance of the Suit respecting Canal st Sewer be and is, hereby Rescinded. the question being taken thereon the Board being equally divided His Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the affirmative So the Resolution was carried

The Board then proceeded to the Consideration & revision of the Laws of the Corporation when the following laws were approved but the final Question on them was not taken.

A Law to regulate Chimney Sweepers.

A Law to regulate Pawn brokers & Dealers in the Purchase & Sale of Second hand furniture & Clothes

A Law respecting Intelligence offices

A Law to regulate the Inspection Sale & Carting of Lime

A Law to regulate the Market was referred back to the Same Committee with the addition of the Market Committee

A Law for the government of the Alms house

A Law for the government of the Penitentiary & other purposes

A Law to prohibit the Exposure of Certain Hand bills

[394] A Law to regulate the fees on making distress for rent.

A Law to prevent damage to Pumps & for other purposes

A Law to regulate partition fences & walls.

A Law respecting weights and measures was referred back to the Comm^{ee} to report the Compensation to be allowed the Sealer of Weights & Measures for his services in Sealing.

A Law to prevent Swine running at large

A Law to regulate the Collection of Assessments.

[395] In Common Council August 18th 1823

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	Wm Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George Downing

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of Joseph Pell that Stall No 50 Washington Market occupied by John Brewer who is willing to relinquish it may be assigned to him was read and referred to the market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Parker to be permitted [396] to take the Earth out of Banker Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Inn keepers in the Bowery praying that the Law prohibiting the erecting of Sign Posts may be modified in relation to them so that they have the priviledge of erecting Sign Posts at some distance from their Houses—which was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that an additional Watch may be established in the vicinity of Grand & Division Streets was referred to the Watch commee

A Request of Jacob Lorillard for the loan of the Augur & Boring Machine owned by the Corporation to be employed in Searching for water in Lispenards Meadow was read & granted

A Petition of John Scott for Stall No 19. Catharine market was referred to the market Comee

A Petition of John Ellis for advance of the award allowed him for ground taken to open Dover Street was referred to the Finance Commee

A Petition of Richard Hamilton to be relieved [397] from a personal tax assessed on him he being unable to pay the Same was read and the prayer of the petitioner granted and the Collector of the 7th ward was directed to return the Same in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of the ward

A Proposal of Richard J. Butler to enter into a Contract with the Corporation to pay to them the Sum of $20,000 in a period of ten years by Installments upon their passing an Ordinance directing all Chimneys to be swept once every four weeks he to be paid therefor at the rates now Charged, and in case of neglect on his part to pay a penalty of five dollars for each chimney neglected. Which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A Petition of John Rees to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of James R. Bartine to be relieved from a tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Pet. of Francis Colgrove for remission of fine for driving a cart without license was read and granted on payment of Costs.

[398] A Petition that the Side walks in Canal Street between Hudson and Chaple Street be regulated and paved by the Owners each on his own front the flagging to be Eight foot wide and if not Completed by the 1st of November next that it be done by Ordinance from the Board was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John F Delaplaine relative to Wharf at Easterly side of Pike Slip requesting for reasons therein Stated that the Corporation would bear a portion of the Expences of the repair of said Wharf was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition that White Street be paved & Regulated between Collect & Orange Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas to be permitted to sell goods at auction in Chatham Square was referred to the Street Committee

His Honor the Mayor stated that he was served on the 12th instant with A Subpoena from the Court of Chancery directed to the Mayor Aldermen &c of the City of New York [399] to appear on the 25th instant to answer to the Bill of Complaints on the part of Comfort Sands Whereupon the Counsel was directed to appear in behalf of the Corporation and defend said Suit.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury for the Aug Sessions was laid before the board representing that Several Complaints had been made to them of Rioutous conduct of a part of the inhabitants of Catharine Lane but though there was not Sufficient Evidence to Charge any Individual enough appeared to Satisfy them that the place was frequently a scene of great disturbance. As a remedy therefor they recommended the Stationing Some Peace officers there in the day time and some Watchmen in the nights for a Short time. His Honour the Mayor stated that he had already made Some Regulations as it related to Establishing Peace Officers. Whereupon the Subject of A Watch was referred to the Watch Com^ee

A Petition of John F Delaplaine for a remiss^{n} of Penalty incurred on an Ordinance for filling up a lot on Sheriff st. the said Ordinance having [400] been Complied with was read and referred to the City Inspector.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies.

Engine Co N° 13

Thomas B Saffen Looking glassmaker 14 Peck Slip
vice Thomas N Stamford app'd F. W.
Samuel Champlin Clerk Roosevelt St
vice Richard J Polhamas Resigned

N° 20

Peter S Ten Eyck Cartman 71 Water St
vice Solomon Scudder refused to Serve

N° 23

W^{m} Bryden Druggist 392 Broadway
vice Ruel Cunningham Expelled

N° 28

Stephen T Taylor Wheelright Crosby Street
Vice Joseph Blackwell resigned
Frederick Smack Coach Maker Thompson [St.] to fill vacancy.

N° 31

John Johnson Jun^{r} Blacksmith Leonard st.
Vice George Sutton resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessment which was confirmed & Morris De Camp [401] appointed Collector in each Viz^{t}

For regulating & paving Dey St. from Washington to West St.

For Regulating, Setting Curb, & laying Gutter Stone in Bleecker St. from B^{d} Way 300 ft towards the Bowery Also for regulating West st. from Dey to Fulton st. Also for regulating Washington st from Carlisle st to Beaver lane

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For regulating Collect St. from Near Anthony St to the Sewer

For paving the Side Walks of Elisabeth St. between Spring and Prince St.

For Regulating &c Charlton St. from Greenwich St to the Bulkhead

For a Well and Pump in Provoost st. near Hudson st.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correct^{n} of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1.	E Anderson	Owner	Greenwich & Charlton st	a Lot
2	D Board	do	do do	do
3	J C Roosevelt	do	91 James do	do
4	McChesney & Lawrence	do	Canal st	do
5	Charles Kissam	do	Stanton st	do
6	[402] D Lynch	do	Canal St	do
7	S Collister	do	Renwick st	do

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

The Attorney presented a Report Stating that Several of the Lessees of the Common lands divided into Lots have objected to execute the New Leases on account of their being no provision to oblige the Corporation to pay the Assessment which Should be laid during the term Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee with Authority to Act in the Premises as they Should judge right.

The Attorney also presented a Bond of Arbitration between the Corporation & George Janeway on the Subject of the disputed line between the Corp^{n} & Mr Janeway in the Sixth ward between Pearl Cross & Duane Streets The Arbitrators on the Board were Peter Sharpe George Ireland & James C Roosevelt. Whereupon the Bond was directed to be duly executed on the part of the Corporation.

The Ald & Assist. of the Ninth Ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump in Amos Street reported as follows.

[403] The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Persons that a Well may be built and a Pump erected in Amos st near Herring

Report. their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Signed Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty
R Graves St Com^{r}

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward & Street Comm^{r} on the petition for a Well & Pump corner of thirteenth Street reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward and the Street Comm^{r} to whom was referred the Annexed petition for a Well & Pump near the intersection of 13th Street and Broadway Report, in their Opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacobus Dyckman
R Graves. St. Comr

[404] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Comy No 12 for a new Engine Reported as follows

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of James Hopson Foreman & John M Bloodgood assistant of Engine Company No 12 praying to be furnished with a new Engine in place of the one they now have

Report.

that notwithstanding this Engine was built in 1819 they are compelled to say that she is now a complete wreck and not worth Repairing, as every part of the materials were so badly made that nothing can be done with her and your Committee are apprehensive that She cannot be sold at any price indeed the Chief Engineer and Superintendant say she is literally worth nothing as she will not throw water 30 feet under these Considerations your Committee are compelled to offer the following resolution to the Consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs is hereby instructed to build a new Engine for [405] the Company having charge of No 12. and that he dispose of the Old Machine in such way as he may think most to the interest of the Common Council

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall
Robert McQueen.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Same Committee on the Petition of Jacob Drake reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Drake who represents that he has performed the duties of Fireman & Fire Warden for about 18 years but owing to mistake or neglect of the then Clerk the date of his appointment does not appear on the Minutes of the Common Council and as he has served much longer than required by Law he now wishes to resign & be dicharged

Report

that they have investigated the subject referred to them and find the facts set forth by the petitioner are true and that by the Law of 1816, entitled an Act granting privileges to the Firemen of the City of New York he is Entitled to be discharged. Your Committee therefore [406] Submit to the Common Council the annexed resolution

Resolved that the resignation of Jacob Drake be accepted and that the Clerk furnish him with the usual certificate of discharge

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Commee on the Fire depart on the petition of Fire Engine Company No 39 for an Enlargement of the Engine House reported as follows. The Committee on the Fire DePartment to whom was referred the petition of a Committee of Engine Company No 39 Stating the inconvenience of their Engine House owing to its Contracted size it not being large enough to afford room for drying their Hose and is otherwise very inconvenient & praying that it may be so enlarged as to give them about 10 feet more room in depth.

Report

that from an examination of the premises and the information obtained from the proper departments. Your Committee are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted they therefore Submit the following resolution to the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs [407] be instructed to enlarge Engine House No 39 agreably to the prayer of the Petitioners

(Signed) Henry J. Wyckoff
James Hall
Robert McQueen

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th ward & Street Commr on the petition for a Well in Lombardy st. reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Whitehead Hicks and others for a Well & Pump in Lombardy st. between Scammel & Walnut Streets

Report

that it is their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Asa Mann
William Thorn
R Graves St. Com^r^

Which was approved and the resolut^n^ adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred [408] the Report of the Comptroller on the subject of a Commutation proposed by Frederick De Peyster reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller Submitting for the approbation and Sanction of the Common Council two releases of Quit Rent on Water lots in the first ward which Releases had been drawn in a different manner from those now used in general in Compliance with a request of Frederick De Peyster Surviving Executor of Dr John Charlton, Mr De Peyster wishing to have the releases so drawn that it shall appear that he has paid the whole of the Commutation and the premises contained in the Grants are discharged from the Quit Rents.

Report

that they have conferred with the Counsel of the Board and have examined the draft of said Releases and cannot perceive any objection to their being executed they therefore Submit the following resolution

Resolved that the said releases be engrossed and that his Honour the Mayor be requested to execute them during the recess of the Common [409] Council.

Signed James Hall
S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^m^ H Ireland
Henry J. Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of John Pinckney for appointment of Inspector of Fire Wood reported as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Pinkney praying to be appointed an *in* inspector of Firewood beg leave to report. That in consequence of the indisposition of Lewis Guest inspector of the first inspect^{n} District Mr Pinckney has for some time acted as his Deputy paying part of the proceeds arising from the Office to Mr Guest. whose infirmities continuing to increase have finally Compelled him to retire altogether

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that John Pinckney be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Firewood for the first Inspection district.

[410] (Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker
James Hall.

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of M Jaques & Others owners of Steamboat Atalanta for an Extension of their Lease reported as follows

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of Moses Jaques and Elias D B Ogden praying that on account of the great Expence they will be obliged to incur in preparing a Suitable landing place at White Hall Slip for the Steam boat Atalanta and for other reasons Set forth in their petition an extension of the lease [be] authorised to be made to them & Matthias Haugheewout on the 21st Ultimo

Report.

That in their opinion there can be no reasonable objection to Extending the Said lease beyond the time mentioned in the report of the Ferry Committee on that Subject upon condition that the Said Lessees pay at and after the rate of $200 per annum for every year the Said Lease Shall be so Extended, the Com- [411] mittee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that ten Years be added to the term of the Lease authorised to be made by this Board on the 21st Ultimo to Moses Jaques, Elias B D Ogden & Matthias Haugheewout for the Ferry from White Hall Slip to Merceraus Point Staten Island and to Elizabeth town Point upon Condition that the Lessees pay at and After the rate of $200 per annum for each and Every year the Said Lease shall be extended

Resolved that the lease for the Said Ferry shall in Every other respect be made conformable to the Report and resolutions of the Ferry Comm^{ee} adopted by the Board on the 21st of July last

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Asa Mann.

Which was approved the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for opening Pike Street to Allen Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for & remonstrance against the opening of Pike Street

Report.

That they cannot perceive any [412] reason to alter the opinion they expressed in a former report on the Same Subject and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
W^{m} H. Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Front St. between Gouverneurs lane & Old Slip reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry owners of property between Gouverneurs lane & Old Slip in Front Street

Report

That they have viewed the premises and find the pavement much broken and too low to carry off the water freely and are of the opinion the request of the Petitioners Should be granted they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

[413] Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance accordingly

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the Street Commiss^{r} reported an Ordinance therefore which was passed.

The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate Thompson Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicolas Low and others praying that Thompson Street may be regulated and paved from Spring to Bleecker St.

Report that on viewing the premises they are of the Opinion that the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioners report an Ordinance that the Same be carried into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John.

[414] Which was approved and the Street Comm^{r} reported an Ordinance therefore which was passed

The Street Committee on the Petition to repair Front Street between Coenties Slip & Old Slip reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed Petition of Stephen Whitney & others praying that Front Street may be repaved from the Old Slip to Coenties Slip and also a remonstrance against the Same Signed by Edmund Smith & others.

Report. that they have examined the Premises carefully and find the pavement Broken & Irregular and that to repair the Same would cost the Proprietors of Lots a Sum but little Short of a complete repaving of the whole and besides the pavement would be left in a State near as uneven as it is at present Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that it be for the interest of the Proprietors as well as for the Convenience of the Public that the Street be repaved and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Front Street be repaved and the Side walks laid to their proper width [415] and paved from the Old Slip to Coenties Slip And that the Street Commissioner report An Ordinance Accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner reported an ordinance therefore which was passed

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave Herring St. from Carmine to Christopher St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Oakley & others owners of Property on Herring Street from Carmine Street to Christopher Street praying that the Street may be regulated and paved

Report.

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
W^m^ H. Ireland
Asa Mann
Sam^l^ St John

[416] Which was approved and the Street Comm^r^ reported an ordinance accordingly which was passed.

The Committee on Applications on the Petition of Alexander Frazer for appointment as measurer Reported as follows.

The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Frazer to be appointed a City Measurer in place of William Cummings who has retired have duly considered both Circumstances and think his Prayer ought to be granted therefore respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that Alexander Fraser be and is hereby appointed a City Measurer

(Signed) David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

A Resignation of W^m^ Cumming of the office of City Measurer was presented and the resignation accepted

The Law to regulate Public Markets was called up read by paragraphs and passed under the title of " A Law to regulate the Public Markets It was Ordered that one hundred Copies be [417] printed in Pamphlet form under the direction of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, It was also Resolved that the Said Commee cause the Laws which have been approved of by the Board to be printed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances agreably to the direction of the Board which were passed and Assessors appointed therein Vizt

An Ordinance for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Broad Way and 13th Street & John Bedient, John Targee & John Brower were appointed assessors.

Also for a Well and Pump in Amos Street near Herring Street & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Junr & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and Pump in Lombardy Street between Scammel & Walnut Street & Abraham Dally Benjn Prince & John Bedient were appointed assessors.

Also for repaving Front Street from the Old Slip to Coenties Slip & James Bleecker John Targee and James Bedient were appointed Assessors.

[418] Also for repaving Front Street from the Old slip to Gouverneurs lane & James Bleecker John Targee and John Bedient were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating and Repaving Dover Street from Front st. to the Bulkhead & Ab. Dally Benjamin Prince & Isaac Kip were appd assessors

Also for regulating and Paving Herring Street from Carmine St. to Christopher Street & John Targee John Bedient & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for Regulating and Paving Thompson Street from Spring to Bleecker st & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Junr & John Salisbury were appointed assessors.

A Resolution was presented by Ald Hall Chairman of the Finance Committee authorising the Comptroller to borrow on account of the Corporation & under the direction of the Comee the Sum of Fifty thousand dollars at an interest not exceeding Six per Cent per Annum which being read was adopted

A Resolution that the Board proceed by Ballot [419] to the appointment of a Chamberlain or City treasurer was presented & read A Motion was Made to postpone the consideration of the Same the question being taken thereon & a division called it was car [illegible] affirmative the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Ald. Wyckoff Hall Zabriskie McQueen Taylor Dyckman Mead Mr Bolton St John Ireland Cowdrey Webb Downing 13.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald King Mann Messrs Parker Thorn Marsh 6.

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred to Consider the Propriety of Directing a discontinuance of the Appeal to the Court of Errors in relation to the Canal Street Assessment Which Report was approved at the meeting of the 4th of August and was at the Special meeting of the 11th agreed to be reconsidered was now called up and read in the Words following

The Committee to whom it was referred to Consider the Propriety of directing a discontinuance of the appeal to the Court of Errors in Relation to the Canal Street Assessment

Respectfully Report.

That Your Committee have [420] devoted to the Subject all the attention that its importance demanded. The Committee have heard the objections of the parties who complain that the Assessment is incorrect. They have also heard the Assessors and ascertained fully from them the principles upon which they predicated their Assessment

Your Committee have also read and maturely Considered the reasons assigned by the Supreme Court for reversing the Assessment made by the Assessors And that your Committee might the more clearly understand the principles upon which the opposition of the Common Council to the decision of the Supreme Court will be presented to the Court of Errors, Your Committee have also examined the Case made by the Counsel of the Board together with the Map attached to the said Case upon which Case and map the question before the Court of Errors must be determined.

Your Committee having had recourse to all the Sources of information above stated have arrived at the conclusion that it is inexpedient in this Board to resist any further the decision of the Supreme Court.

Under this Conviction they respectfully Submit the following resolutions

[421] Resolved that the Attorney and Counsel of the Board discontinue all proceedings on the Writ of Error to the Supreme Court in relation to the Canal Street Assessment

Resolved that a New Assessment be made and that* be such assessors.

(Signed) R Riker
Henry J Wyckoff
Henry Mead
George S. Doughty
George Zabriskie

Ald King then moved to add to the first resolut^{n} the following "And that he forthwith give notice thereof to the adverse party." which was agreed to the question was then taken on agreeing to the Report and was carried in the Affirmative A Division having been called by Ald Taylor the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff, King, Mead Hall Zabriskie Dyckman Mr Bolton. St John Ireland Cowdrey Webb Marsh Downing 14

Negative Ald. McQueen Mann Taylor Mr Parker Thorn 5.

Ald Taylor then gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration

[422] Mr Bolton objected against the Same as being out of Order the Question having been already considered—The Mayor decided that under the 18th Rule of the Rules & Orders of the Board the Motion of Ald Taylor was in Order the addition made to the report by Ald King's motion making it a new proposition before the Board—Mr Bolton appealed from the Decision of the Chair to the Board—the question being taken on agreeing to the Decision of the Mayor it was carried in the affirmative and a Division having been called the members voted as follows.

Affirmative Ald McQueen Mann Taylor Dyckman Mr Cowdrey Webb Parker Thorn Marsh Downing. 10.

Negative. Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff King Hall Zabriskie Mead Mr Bolton St. John Ireland. 9.

Ald. King then moved that the Board now proceed to reconsider the question Some debates ensued thereon but previous to any question being taken a motion was made that the board adjourn which was carried in the affirmative.

The Comptroller presented the following

Cash Account

[423] Balance as per Account 4th instant	[illegible]
Received for tax of 1822 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 wards	[illegible]
" Rents	

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* Assessors appointed later; see page 277.—Ed.

d Vendue Sales	$2500.
Mayoralty fees	202.
Fire Department	362.50
	$24679.24

43 Accounts Audited

Walton watch 1st district	$813.75
d & Clark do 3d "	645.75
y & Brower do 4th "	645.75
leecker Comptl 1 Qr Salary 15 Inst	437.50
P Roome Superintendant Repairs 1 Qr 14th inst	250.
urger regulating 4 Pub. Clocks 1 Qr 1st inst	50.
l Smith Clk Washington market 1 mo. 1st inst	66.06
Ammerman do 6 markets	51.
oghland Keeper Penitenty & assists 1, Qr 1 inst	537.50
B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 depys do "	450.
Howe Physician do " " "	75.
Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr 12 inst	400.
Abell do do " "	400.
Ovutt do do " "	400.
ommedieu Clerk Police " "	312.50
hens Assist Clerk do " "	250.
Maxwell District Attorney "	625.
l Hatfield Clk Sessions "	375.
l Hatfield do to pay witnesses 1, Qr 12th inst	36.
Skaats Cryer Court of Sessions 1 Qr 12 inst	50.
Meigs Justice 5 & 8th Wards 1 Qr 1 Inst	400.
ampbell Clk " " "	187.50
Titus 1 Qr rent for Court room 7 & 10th	25.
nus Tallman Coroner fees 1 Qr 1st inst	437.62
s Barnum Sups work mud machine to 10th inst	126.50
es Fodder ior Horses at do do "	81.41
Wilson repairs Bulk head at Charlton st	71.06
er Building Culverts on 6th avene at head of Minetto sewer	890.20
s Cummings regulas & Repavs do " "	266.97
homas W Ludlow for Earth in do do "	30.45
mb repavs intesects on pavems on Bulkheads 1, 2, 4th wards	249.57
ney do do in 5th ward	73.60
Fowler repavs Culverts Grand & Chapel st Sewer	5.40
Cummings filling 6 lots on Hudson Hubert & Collister st Lien.	
'ells	417.10
& Woodruff act building wall at Battery	5000.
s & George Lovett acct filling at Do	1710.
Brower 884 tons stone Wall at outside Battery	386.75
ome Supt Repairs for Pumps	800.
ome " " Battery fence	465.
" " Fire Departmt	400.
" " Alms House departmt	311.

Arthur Burtis Sup^t Amls House	5000.
P. & H Van Pelt Printing for Board of Health	326.50
	$24532.44
Balance	$146.80

Board adjourned.

[425] In Common Council Sept^r 1^st 1823.

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Robert McQueen	Thomas Bolton
Asa Mann	Samuel St John
Jacob B Taylor	Samuel Cowdrey
Jacobus Dyckman	John Webb
Henry Mead	Shivers Parker
————	W^m Thorn
————	David Marsh

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition from Blackwell & McFarlane & others Stating that the present location of the Sealer of Weights & Measures being in the Bowery is extremely inconvenient to the business of the City & requesting that the office may be located in a Central part of the City or another appointed with equal powers was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Isaac Schuyler lessee of Stall [426] N° 52 Fulton market that he may be permitted to surrender his lease was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Elias B Messerve that a deduction may be made from the rent of Stall N° 3 Franklin market of which he is lessee was referred to the Finance Comm^ee

A Petition for a Well & Pump in North Street between Christy & Eldridge Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of W^m H Smith Clerk of 7^th & 10^th Ward for leave of absence from the 6^th of September for the Period of 16 days. was read and referred to the Committee On Public Offices with authority to grant the request under Such restrictions as they shall Consider legal & Proper.

A Petition of W^m Baker & others Proprietors of Water lots between Catharine & Market Slips requesting further time for complying with the Ordinance directing the filling in & mal

Street to the permanent line [427] was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of M S Pike to be relieved from a penalty incurred by acting as a Pawnbroker without license was referred to the Police Comee

A Petition that the Side walks of Rivington st may be paved from the Bowery to Orchard Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity of Stanton Street between Ludlow & Pitt streets praying that a Watchman may be stationed in that neighbourhood was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Genet Archer to be appointed a Weigher of Hay in the village of Harlaem in the place of George Brunn deceased was read and the Prayer of the Petitioner granted And he was appointed Accordingly.

A Petition of George Strite was received Stating that he was lessee of a lot of Common lands the lease of which expired on the 1st of May last that he had agreed [428] to take a lease of One acre of the said lot & a lease was made out for him but the lease is now refused to be given him because as he understands the ground is to form part of the public ground, that he has made considerable improvements on said lot valued at $200, & if the lease of said lot is not given to him he prays he may receive a Suitable compensation for his expenditures & losses in not receiving a lease which being read was referred to the Finance Commee

A Petition of Anson Hayden for relief from tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Fardon for Stall No 14 Spring street market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Fash for permission to remove a wooden Building from Lispenard to Cross St. was referred to Ald & Assist. of 5th & 6th wards

A Petition of Andrew Passman for Stall No 13 Spring Street market was referred to the Market Committee.

[429] A Remonstrance against the petition now before the Board for extending Pike Street to Allen Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Lewis St. be paved from 3d to 4th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance against Paving Front Street between Gouverneurs lane & Old Slip was read & laid on the table.

A Petition of the trustees of the Fire department was received Stating that they had appointed under their Corporate Seal a Collector to Collect all fines & Penalties imposed by law for the use of said Department but that said appointment has been objected to & that the Authority to such Collector Should Emanate from the Corporation—they therefore Solicit that authority may be given under the Seal of the Corporation to the Collector to Collect as aforesaid all such fines & forfeitures as may become due & payable which being read was referred to the Committee on the fire department

[430] A Petition of a number [of] inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Centre market was received complaining of the great want of attention to the cleanliness of the Market and of proper arrangement for the accommodation of the Country people attending the Market these inconveniences and irregularities they consider to be imputed to the Circumstances that the Deputy Clerk of said market is also of five other markets they therefore Solicit some redress for these grievances which being read was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Thomas Patrick for relief from fine incurred by selling liquor without license was read and referred to the Police Comm^{ee}

A Petition that the Side Walks in Grand Street may be Paved from Arundel Street to the Bowery road was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that the Cartways of Christopher Street may be paved at the same time that they are employed in setting of the Curb & Gutter was [read] and referred to the Street Committee

[431] A Petition of Hezekiah B Pierpont for a Water Grant opposite his premises at Brooklyn for 50 feet adjoining his former grant on the North, and 189 feet. Southerly from the line of Samuel Jacksons land was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of W^{m} Beadle confined in prison on a fine for carrying a trunk from the Steam boat without a license as a Porter was referred to the Police Committee with Powers &c

A Petition that the Law may be passed regulating the measurement of a load of Paving Stones, Sand, & Clay, was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Memorial of Richard Varick remonstrating against the Ordinance passed for Regulating Thompson St. from Spring to P
Street was read and referred to the Street Committee with P

A Remonstrance against the Petition for paving the Side Walks of Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

[432] A Letter was received from Ezra Frost deputy Clerk of Fulton market on subject of his appointment as Watchman in said market & declining the Same was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication was received from David S Jones Esq^{r}, stating the Confirmation by the Supreme Court of the Assessment for opening of Beekman Street. from Pearl to South Street accompanied with an abstract of the Report of benefits & damages assessed & awarded for said improvement which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Sundry owners of lots in Beekman Street that understanding that the Assessment for opening said Street has been confirmed by the Supreme Court they pray that the Corporation will direct the building to be removed as soon as possible that the Street may be opened agreable to the Contemplated line which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that North Street may be paved [433] from Bowery to Orchard Street was referred to the Street Committee.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine N° 10.

Joshua Rich Smith Allen n Delancy st. vice Frederick Honson resigned.

Samuel D. Barnes Smith Rivington n Arundel vice David Delancy resigned

John Schureman Carpenter Third Avenue vice Stephen Morris left City

N° 14.

Hiram Pearson Hatter N° 80 Vesey Street vice W^{m} Westervelt resigned

N° 39.

Abel G Hugget clerk 91 William St. vice James Meeker left City

Fire Warden 1st Ward

Thomas N Stanford merchant 99 Pearl st vice Cha^{s} Rollinson left City

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well &

Pump in Church St near Leonard which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

Also for a Well and Pump in Laight near Canal street [434] & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented the following report on the Petition of John F Delaplaine which was approved & the fine was remitted on payment of Costs.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board on the petition of John F Delaplaine presented at its last meeting respecting a fine incurred for neglecting to fill in a lot on Sheriff Street in compliance with an ordinance issued for that purpose That he has examined the lot & having found it regulated as the Ordinance directed he recommends that the penalty be remitted upon payment of Costs

George Cumming, C. I.

He also presented the following as to ordinances which had been passed in relation to ground between Wooster Street & Mercer St.

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an ordinance passed the Board on the 21st of July last, to fill in certain portions of ground between Mercer & Wooster St. stated to be owned by Richard Dickenson this ordinance has not been complied with and as Mr Dickenson cannot be legally proved the Owner it is submitted that the Aforesaid portions of Ground be filled [435] in, in the usual manner to correct the nuisance

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

Which was approved and he was directed to fill in the ground as recommended.

He also presented the following respecting lots in Green Street.

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an Ordinance passed the Board on the 9th of June last to fill in certain sunken lots on Greene St. owned or formerly owned by Abijah Hammond the Ordinance has not been complied with, it is recommended that the lots be directed to be filled in at the public Charge and a Lien held thereon

George Cumming, C. I.

Which was approved and the lots directed to be filled in as recommended

He also presented ordinances for correction of Sundry N
which were passed (Vizt)

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances

№ 1	E Valentine	Owner.	Wooster Street	A Lot.
2	H Hampshire	do	do	do
3	Robert Ferguson	do	Mercer St.	do
4	Asa Hall	do	do	do
5	[436] Henry Remsen	do	Bleecker st.	do
6	Peter Smith	do	do	do
7	N Low	do	Greene st	do
8	J Edwards Junr	do	do	do
9	S Jones	do	Canal & Varick	do
10	Geer and Riley	do	Canal & Laight	do
11.	D B Dash	Agent	" "	"
12	P Hattrick	Owner	Varick "	"
13	A & W Kevan	do	do	do
14	A Coddington	do	do	do
15	Cornelius Hyer	do	Mulberry st.	do
16	A Johnson	do	do	do
17	J T DurYea	do	do	do
18	J McDougall	do	Mott Street	do

(Signed) George Cumming, C. I.

The Attorney to whom was referred the petition of Wm A Hardenbrook in relation to entering satisfaction on sundry Judgements against him reported as follows.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the petition of Wm A Hardenbrook respectfully reports

That on May 5th 1815 a judgement was docketed against William A Hardenbrook in favour of Rembrandt F Muller for Sixteen thousand dollars and on the 3d of January 1816 a judgement was [437] dockketted against the Same for Seven thousand dollars in favour of Joseph Dederer, both of Which remain unsatisfied of Record

That on the 2nd of January 1816 the said Wm A Hardenbrook conveyed certain property to the Corporation subject part to a mortgage to Mr Muller part to a mortgage to Mr Dederer part to a mortgage to Mr Peter Bennet and part unmortgaged but which of Course would be bound by the above judgment of Mr Muller for Sixteen thousand dollars This property the Corporation agreed to receive in full discharge of the debt due from mr Hardenbrook to them and in order to make the property valuable to them they paid of the mortgages above mentioned On the Bonds connected with two of Which (Viz. those of Mr Muller & Mr Dederer judgements had been obtained

That on or about the 3d January 1816. Mr Muller conveyed to the

Corporation by warranty deed all the property mortgaged to him by Mr Hardenbrook; and Mr Dederer on the Same day assigned his mortgage And the Bond accompanying it together with the judgement obtained on the Bond to the Corporation as did Mr Bennet his Bond & Mortgage

That these incumbrances have all in fact been [438] paid off but that no satisfaction has ever been entered of Record.

The Attorney has made every enquiry in his power which might give him a full understanding of the transaction but the length of time elapsed is so considerable that it has almost entirely escaped the memory of David S Jones Esq^r at that time Counsel of the Board as well as of the Parties.

The Attorney cannot but think that some Substantial reason existed at the time when the transaction took place to prevent Mr Jones from having satisfaction entered of Record and such reason may perhaps still exist. The Corporation were not bound to pay off those incumbrances; and the Petitioner only applies to have satisfaction entered of Record in order (as the Attorney understands from him) to give a clear title to some property which he has purchased since As these unsatisfied incumbrances may be material to the validity of the Corporations title it is respectfully suggested whether it be not Expedient to direct the Attorney not to proceed in the Matter This cannot subject the Petitioner to any great hardship as in less than three years even the apparent lien of the latest of [439] these judgements will cease.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Which was approved and he was directed not to proceed to Cancel the Judgements.

The Attorney also on the Report of the Comptroller respecting the accounts of the Corporation which have been placed with the late Counsel for Collection presented a list of the Accounts with the State of the Suits thereon which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a well and Pump at the Corner of Forsyth St. near Delancy st. reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of the Owners of Property near the corner of Delancy st. and Forsyth street praying that a Well and Pump be placed in that Neighbourhood Beg leave to Report.

That after a full examination of the premises they are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be [440] granted they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

(Signed) Henry Mead
R Graves St. Com^{r}

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Joseph Parker to remove Earth from Banker Street &c reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Parker for permission to dig out and regulate Banker St. from Clinton to Montgomery Street.

Report.

That they are of the opinion *that they are of the opinion* that the Interests of the Owners of the lots on that part of the Street would be promoted by granting his request. provided he shall give Sufficient Security that he will on or before the first day of May 1826. dig out and remove from the Street to the whole width thereof all the Earth, Rocks & Stones and compleat the Same according to the Regulation thereof.

Your Committee offer the following resolution accordingly

[441] Resolved that the request of the petitioner be granted provided he conforms to the foregoing report

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of the Inn keepers in relation to pulling up the Sign posts reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was refer^{d} the petition of Sundry Inn holders on the Bowery for permission to Erect Sign Posts in the Street. Report.

That they have had the subject under consideration and are of the

Opinion their request ought not to be granted and therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[442] The Street Committee on the Petition of Sundry Owners of Canal Street between Hudson & Chaple Street, for permission to pave the Sidewalks themselves reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry owners & Lessees of Lots in Canal Street between Hudson & Chaple Streets praying that the Side Walks in that part of the Street may be paved Report.

That they see no objections to granting the request of the petitioners and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor.
Asa Mann
David Marsh
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to pave White St. from Collect to Orange Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Lorillard and others to have White Street paved from Collect to Orange [443] Street Report, that in their Opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolut^{n}

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of Solomon Seixas to be permitted to Sell goods at Auction in Chatham Square reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Solomon Seixas for permission to sell by Auction furniture &c on Chatham Square

Report

That it is inexpedient to grant his request inasmuch as it does not appear by his petition or otherwise that he occupies any Store or Shop in that vicinity and by admitting him to Sell there would be giving him a manifest advantage over those Auctioneers who pay heavy rents for their rooms fronting on the Square [444] Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner

Signed Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Scott, for Stall N° 19 Catharine Market reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Scott Butcher for a grant of Stand N° 19 Catharine market at present held by George Schaeffer who is desirous to surrender it up

Report.

That they have made enquiry respecting the above applicant and believe him entitled to a stand they therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and for that purpose offer the following Resolution

Resolved that stand N° 19 Catharine market be granted to John Scott and that he be [445] licensed as a butcher for the Same.

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Samuel St John
Thomas Bolton
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in Canal St. from Hudson to Chapel Street which was passed & John Kip Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell Were appointed Assessors.

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He also presented an ordinance that White Street be regulated & paved from Collect St. to Orange St. which was passed & Benjamin Prince John Bedient & John Brower were appointed Assessors

The Committee on the Revision of the Laws. presented A Law to regulate the Collection of Assessments which was read by Paragraphs & approved

They also presented an Amendment to the 15th 16th & 20th Sections of the Law for the appointment [446] of A City Inspector which Amendments were adopted.

An Invitation was received from the Messrs Stevens to witness a trial of the Boat intended for the Canal Street Ferry on Friday next at ½ past 4 oClock which was accepted.

Alderman Taylor agreably to notice moved that the Board now proceed to reconsider the question on the appeal from the Supreme Court to the Court of Errors on the Canal Street Assessment. which was agreed to—After some discussion Mr Cowdrey moved that the Parties be heard before the Board by Counsel The motion not being seconded no question was taken thereon Mr Bolton moved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed not to proceed further in the case until the further order of the Board provided the opposite party accede thereto, this was negatived

Mr Cowdrey called up A Report on the petition of Certain Free holders & Lessees made on the 19th day of February 1821 & laid for consideration in Order that the Same might have a reference which was agreed to & it was referred to a [447] Special Committee consisting of Mr Cowdrey Ald King Mann Mr Parker Webb

A Member stating he had confidential matter to Communicate the Lobby was cleared & the Doors closed.

The Committee on Public Lands & Places presented a Report on the Subject of Castle Clinton—Which was adopted

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Account 18th August	$.146.80
Received for Streets	17.927.39
" Rents	9991.10
" Tax of 1822 2, 6, 7 & 9, wards	6089.23
" Justices Courts	20.33.20
" Police office fees	1391.64
" Wells & Pumps	759.40
" Fines &c from attorney	606.15
" Arrears of taxes	[illegible]
" Mayoralty fees	[illegible].25
" Docks & Slips	[illegible]
" Fire Department	[illegible]

Received Excise	$362.
" Fines &c from Sheriff	354.06
[*] Commutation alien Passengers	310.
City Prison fees	169.50
Clk Sessions & Criers fees	162.68
District Attorneys fees	103.62
Intelligence Offices	100.
Street Manure	81.25
County Contingencies Sales at public Yard	70.52
Loan of Bd of Health amt received for Fever Hospital	19000.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authd 11th novr 1822 bal	10500.
do do do 18th Augt 1823 on act	3000.
	74,908.79

Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75
George Cumming City Inspr 1 Qr Salary 1st inst	200.
Talman J Waters Clk Comptrs office do 24 augt	200.
Thomas Franklin Chief Engr 1 Qr 18 augt	125.
M Ulshoeffer Counsr 1 Qr do	100.
B Skaats Keeper City Hall 1, Qr 24th "	100.
Wm J Waldron Assist C. Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	45.50
Obadiah Ayres do " "	45.50
Asten & Cochrane messengers do "	52.
Daniel H Magee Keeper of Potters field	38.75
Chas Gilman Battery	34.87
Andrew McCready Park	34.87
John Taylor Street Inspector 1 ward	31.
P Wright do 2 do	31.
[449] T Jeroleman do 3d do	31.
N B Lyon 4th	31.
A Ackerman 5th	31.
Wm Kerr 6th	31.
B Fuller 7th	31.
S Hutchings 8th	31.
D Hubbard 10th	31.
B Skaats Keeper of City Hall Expenses of Corporatn	221.70
J Morton Clk of Com Council index 47th vol mins & coach Hire paid	120.50
J Bremner Clk of Cathe Market. 1. mo 1st inst	57.
P Ammerman 6 markets	49.50
G. Duryea Franklin market	38.75
J Asten Sweeper Fulton markets	54.09
Benjamin Hicks Assist Bd of Health	45.50
J Pinckney do do	45.50

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[*] New page, not numbered.—Ed.

G Snethen Sup^{s} light^{s} lamps	604.28
R Provoost repairing do	65.90
G Pryer 8 Casks of Oil	347.43
Hussey & Mackay 12, do	313.58
J Hays & Officers Extra Services Police	216.41
G B Raymond for Officers conv^{s} prisoner to City prison	189.50
David Lyon making repairing Hose for Engines	677.46
J Hays & officers conveying prisoners to penitentiary	56.50
M Ulshoeffer making & drawing 14 Certificates sales of lots	42.
Proprietor of American 6 mo Subscription	50.
Philip Brasher Award for Property taken for Maiden lane	16,750.
W^{m} Shaw & others Exe^{rs} of R Robertson do	1443.
John A Snyder do "	5007.
Owners unknown or John P De Wint "	3515.
John G Wendell "	3538.
[450] Owners unknown or Abigail Rhodes. administ^{x} Estate of Roorbach	5707.
Gerard Rutgers	397.
John Clark	4356.
C & J De Wolfe	4376.
Executors Estate of James Cooper	818.
William Cox	1238.
E Hyde & G Banta	2382.
Heirs of Abraham DurYea	4683.
R Kingsland & R McCoskry	4150.
Henry Andrew	3030.
Heirs of Peter Clopper	4154.67
Samuel Fargey repairing intersections 1, 7, 10 wards	218.57
James Mehan do do 1, 2, 6, "	131.92
H Smith do do 1, 4, "	59.43
R Pettigrew 1st paymt Well in Fourth st n B^{d}Way	71.25
G Charlton " " Water st n Scammel	47.25
J Gallagher " " Hamersley n Hudson	40.50
R Pettigrew " " King st n Hudson	36.24
J Fleming treas^{r} to pay the State amt of delinquents State tax	2077.32
	$74783.49
Balance	$130.30

Board adjourned

[451] In Common Council Sept^{r} 15th 1823.

Present. The Hon^{ble} Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W King	Thomas Bolton
James Hall	Samuel St John
George Zabriskie	W^{m} H Ireland
Robert McQueen	Samuel Cowdrey
Asa Mann	John Webb
Jacob B Taylor	Shivers Parker
Jacobus Dyckman	William Thorn
Henry Mead	David Marsh
	George S Doughty.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Remonstrance against Sundry Inhabitants against Paving Downing Street in Greenwich Village was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Peter J Mead to be relieved from a personal tax on account of his being a Sergeant in the Militia was ref^{d} to the Committee on Assessm^{ts}

A Petition of Owners of Lots on West Street praying said Street between Harrison & Hubert Street be regulated was referred to the Street Committee.

[452] A Petition of W^{m} Stone for relief on an undue Assessment was referred to the Com^{ee} on Assessments.

A Petition of Laurence Moore for relief from an Error in an Assessment on his house & Lot N^{o} 228 Church St. was referred to the Same Committee.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas for permission to Sell at Auction in Chatham Square was read & resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner

A Petition of Marinus Willet for an Extension of time to fill in certain Sunken lots & for remission of Penalty was referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Petition of W^{m} Messerve for appointment of Deputy Clerk of Fulton Market &

A Similar Petition from John Minuse were read and laid on the table they were afterward called up & Read

A Petition of W^{m} Onderdonk to be appointed a City Weigher was read—A Motion was made that he be appointed the question being taken thereon and there being one Negative It was moved that the

Board agreably to rule proceed [453] by Ballot to Elect, A Motion was then made that the Rule requiring Ballotting be dispensed with The Same was agreed to It was then moved that he be appointed which was carried in the Affirmative and he was appointed accordingly.

A Petition of Mrs Valloo for further time to pay the amount of Assessment due from her on Harman Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Complaint of the inhabitants of Harlaem respecting a Pond in the Vicinity of the Town which was a nuisance to the Neighbourhood was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Cha^s^ March for permission to build a Vault opposite his lot in Warren Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3^d^ Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Joseph Dakings for the lease of five lots of Common lands Viz^t^ N^os^ 165-6-7-8-9 was referred to the Comm^ee^ on Finance.

A Petition of Thomas Brown for appointment of Inspector of Stone & Sand was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[454] A Remonstrance of Sundry persons owners & Inhabitants on Christopher Street against paving the Same was referred to the Street Comm^ee^

A Petition of Caspar W Eddy for relief from the penalty of an Ordinance for not filling up a sunken lot was referred to the City Insp^r^

A Petition of Garrit Sentis Jun^r^ for Stall N^o^ 23 Washington market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Francis O Neil for a Stall in the Centre market was referred to the Same Com^ee^

A Petition of Daniel Turner for permission to remove two frame buildings from Harrison to Watts Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 5^th^ & 6^th^ Wards

A Petition of Richard L Walker for permission to construct a Vault in front of his Lot on Duane Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Willet Street between Broome & Delancy st was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Comm^r^

[455] A Petition of Samuel Rathbone for relief from a tax assessed on a house in Dominick Street 8^th^ ward known as the Village Academy which was built for & has Always been used as a School house, which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of David Wagstaff Lessee of Lot N^{o} 150 Common lands praying a reduction of the rent on said lot in consequence of a part having been taken for a public road was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of P. Mondon for relief from a tax assessed on him was referred to the Com^{ee} on Assessm^{ts}

A Petition of the heirs of William Byron for further time to pay Assessments laid on the property of said Estate for opening Maiden lane as it is necessary to make application to the Court of Chancery to raise money on said Estate for that purpose which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Zeptimar Field for relief from a Judgement recovered against him for carrying a Basket from the Steam boat he not being [456] licensed as a Porter & for which he is now in prison was referred to the Police Com^{ee} with powers.

A Petition that the Sidewalks of the South Side of Water Street from James Slip to Catharine Slip & both Sides of Oliver Street from Water to Front Streets be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Devine for relief from a fine incurred for not attending as a Witness at the Court of 1st 2nd & 3d wards & on which he is imprisonned was referred to the Police Committee with Authority

A Petition of Ralph Hull for relief from tax was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Assessments

Two petitions from Sundry Owners & Inhabitants of Beekman Street praying that the Said Street may not be opened until the Spring were read and laid on the table until the coming in of the Report of the Committee on that Subject. They were afterwards upon the discussion of the Report called up and read.

A Petition of Grove Cunningham for appointm^{t} [457] as Keeper of the City Burial Ground was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Applications

A Petition of Samuel Fanshaw for license as a Hand Cartman was referred to his Honor the Mayor

A Petition of John B Wilbur for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Assessments

A Petition of W^{m} A Hardenbrook for office of Deputy Clerk of Fulton market and a Similar petition from Ab^{m} Leggett were receiv^{d} & laid—When the Board were proceeding to the appointment of Said office they were called up & Read

A Petition from Sundry Owners of Lots on West Street stating that they understand that there is an application for opening said Street the full width of Seventy feet between Harrison & Hubert Street that they do not think it is at present necessary to open it to that Width & praying that it may not take place, which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[458] A Petition from the Owners & inhabitants in Columbia Street that it may be Regulated & paved from Rivington to North Street was referred to the Street Committee

The Following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Engine N° 16.

Thomas Bloomer Carpenter N° 9 Fletcher St.
vice Abraham Franklin Jun^r resigned

N° 17.

Joseph L Kellogg Grocer Grand st. vice Jacob Scofield resigned

N° 19.

Isaac Odell Cartman 182 Delancy St.
vice Elnathan Underhill time out.

N° 30.

Daniel Demilt Shoemaker Bowery N° 158.
vice Francis Ennis resigned

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for pitching and Paving Bedford Street from Carmine to Houston St., & Downing St. from Bedford to Varick Street which was passed, & Benjamin Prince Isaac Kip & Cary Dunn Jun^r were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well & Pump in Forsyth St. near Delancy Street which was passed & Ab Dally John Targee [459] & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances which were passed. Viz^t

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following ordinances for Correction of Nuisances Viz^t

N° 1	John Beekman	Owner	Hester Street	A Lot.
2	J J Lockwood	Lessee	Rhynder st	do
3	N Jarvis	Agent	D°	D°
4	R Cochrane	owner	do	do
5	James Jarvis	Agent	Varick st	do

(Signed) George Cumming, C. I.

The following reports were received from the Attorney

The Attorney of the Board reports the Case of Matthew Rice, who having been sued for not *not* reporting his passengers afterwards did report and bonded his passengers and paid the Costs

The remission of the penalty is therefore respectfully recommended.

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer Atty.

The Attorney of the board also reports the Cases of Captn Chase of the Ship Robert Fulton & Captain McAuley of the Ship Canton who were written to for not reporting their Passengers in time but which however they have since [460] *since* done and paid the Costs A remission of the penalties is respectfully recommended.

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Which were approved and the penalties remitted agreably to his recommendation

The Attorney also presented the following

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for Execution a Deed for lots No 115, 121 & 181 of the Common lands to James Amory which he has prepared under the instructions of the Finance Committee pursuant to a resolution of the Board on the report of that Committee made on the 14th of April 1823, being in exchange for a Store on Market St. conveyed by Mr Amory to the Corporation and one thousand dollars in addition

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Simeon Brown praying that the Pavement of Lewis Street may be Stopped at 3d Street reported as follows.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Simeon Brown praying that [461] the paving of Lewis Street may be Stopped at Third Street begs leave to report the following Statement of facts.

Immediately on the passing of an ordinance for Regulating & paving Lewis Street from Grand to Fourth Street the undersigned caused a Profile of the Street to be made. And on fixing the regulation thereof it appeared Evident that in Order to carry off the Water without entirely Ruining the buildings already Erected it became necessary to Crown or Elevate the pavement between 3d & 4th Streets.

As 3^d^ Street was not yet opened Assurances were given that the water might be conveyed through the grounds occupied by mr Brown. to the river until Such time as 3^d^ Street Should be open^d^ Contracts were accordingly entered into with Mr Baily and the work was progressing when Mr Brown for the first time refused to admit the Water to pass through his Leased premises—giving as a reason that his Landlord had refused to bear any part of the Expence for paving the Street and as his Lease would Expire on the first of May next was desirous of having the paving of the Street dispensed with for the present Year and accordingly addressed the annexed petition to the Board

[462] The Undersigned called forthwith on the Contractor (Mr Bailey) who appeared disposed to relinquish the unfinished part of his contract to accommodate M^r^ Brown, as did all the persons interested therein except the Messrs Lovetts and Blossom & co who had leased a Ship Yard of the Lovetts at the Extreme end of Lewis Street.

Hoping and Expecting that by a little delay all the persons interested would come to a decision mutually accommodating, the undersigned postponed this report for two succeeding meetings of the Common Council At the meeting of the Board on the 1^st^ Instant the Messrs Lovetts Blossom Smith & Demon and Nehemiah Waterbury petitioned the Common Council to have the paving of Lewis Street completed notwithstanding the insurmountable difficulties which still Existed and which rendered it impracticable

The only method of remedying the Evil under all the circumstances in the opinion of the Street Commissioner is to suspend the paving at Third Street, and to fill up Lewis Street so much as to have a descent on an inclined plane to 4^th^ Street until such time as 3^d^ Street shall be opened to the River to which All the parties [463] interested are now agreed and which is Respectfully Recommended by

(Signed) R Graves. St. Com^r^

Whereupon the report was approved and the recommendation of the Street Commis^r^ agreed to

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ ward on the petition for a Well a Pump reported as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward with the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of Property in North between Christy & Eldredge Streets prayin
a Well & Pump to be placed in the neighbourhood Beg leave t

That they have examined the Premises and are of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Signed Henry Mead
R Graves St Com^{r}

Which was approved. and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Ezra Frost deputy Clerk of Fulton market reported as follows.

[464] The Market Committee to whom was referred the communication from Ezra Frost deputy Clerk of Fulton market resigning that Situation unless he can be relieved from the duties of watchman of said market as by law he is directed to perform.

Report.

That they have had the subject under consideration and believe the salary paid that officer a sufficient compensation for all the duties which he by Law has to perform they therefore think it would be improper to comply with the request of the applicant and recommend his resignation be accepted for that purpose offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the resignation of Ezra Frost deputy Clerk of Fulton market be and the Same is hereby accepted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St. John
John Webb
David Marsh

Whereupon the resolution was adopted and the resignation of Ezra Frost accepted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Joseph [465] Pell reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Pell praying a grant of Stand N° 50 Washington market at Present occupied by John Brewer who in Consequence of ill health is desirous of resigning the Same.

Report that Joseph Pell is well recommended and they believe him Worthy a Stand in Said market he is however a Minor but should the Board agree to his receiving a grant for the above stand he is willing to give a bond with good sureties for the faithful performance of all contracts made by him as a butcher and also Surety for the payment of the Stall rent Your Committee under all the Circumstances of the Case recommend that he receive the grant and a license for the above stand they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that Joseph Pell receive a grant of the Stand N° 50 Washington market on his executing a bond for the one or more sureties to be approved of by the Mayor for the faithful performance of all his contracts as a butcher and also that he receive a license for the Same

Signed Shivers Parker Thomas Bolton
Sam^{l} St John John Webb
David Marsh

[466] Which was approved the resolution adopted and he was directed to receive a license for Stall N° 50 Washington Market.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James R Bertine to be released from a tax assessed on him reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Bertine praying to be relieved from a Personal tax

Report

That it appears from an Affidavit of the Petitioner that he possesses no personal property except a Leasehold Estate on which he pays taxes of Course.

Your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of Arrears of taxes refrain from Collecting a Personal tax from James Bartine for the Year 1822 and that he return the Same in the list of Errors and insolvencies of the 3^{d} ward

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[467] The Same Committee on the petition of Anson Hayden to be relieved from a tax reported as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Anson Hayden in which he States that his name was not on the Assessors books at the time the books were open for Inspection

Report.

That upon Examination they find Henry Anson Assessed $10000 personal property at N° 35 Northmoore Street and Anson Hayden's name, residing as he says in said house not on the books,

Your Committee are of the opinion that the wrong name has been given to the Assessors and as the Petition[er] examined the Books and made no mention of the Error which certainly was his duty

He further States that he was not worth more than $1000 on which sum he is willing to pay

Respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of Arrears of taxes receive a tax from Anson Hayden on $1000 personal property and return the residue in the list of Errors and insolvencies of 6th ward

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
George S Doughty

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th ward and [468] Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well & Pump in Green St near Prince Street reported Vizt.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Greene Street near Prince St.

Report that a Well is much wanted at that place and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
R Graves Street Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Bedford & Downing Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition *of* [to] have Bedford Street paved from Carmine to Houston Street to Varick Street

Report

That they have had the Same advertised for objections if any there were and as none have been made thereto Your Commee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

[469] Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioners report the draft of an ordinance accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor.
David Marsh
Samuel St, John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Comm^{ee} on the Petition to pave North Street. Reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons owners of Property on North Street praying that that Street may be paved from Chrystie to Orchard st. Report.

That they have caused notice thereof to be given in the newspapers employed by the Corporation and no objections offered thereto

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Samuel St John
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[470] The Street Committee on the Petition for *for* paving the Side Walks of Rivington Street Reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry owners of property on Rivington Street praying that the Side walks in that street may be paved from the Bowery to Orchard Street

Report.

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side Walks of Grand Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry persons praying that the Side walks on Grand Street may be paved from the Bowery to Arundel Street

[471] Report. that they have viewed the premises & are of the opinion that their request ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following

Resolved that the Side Walks in Grand st. from the Bowery to Arundle Street be flagged or paved with brick.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition that Beekman Street may be opened presented the following report,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons interested in the opening of Beekman St. praying that that Street may be opened forthwith Report

That they have had the Subject under their consideration and are of the opinion that their request is reasonable and ought to be granted for Several Considerations and particularly as it will enable the Owners of property which will front on that Street when opened to begin ther improvements this Season So as to have them completed [472] and ready for occupation by the 1st of May next Whereas if the opening is postponed until the Ensuing Spring the proprietors would lose One Years rent.

And as the Occupants of the Buildings to be removed hired them conditionally and subject to be removed whenever the Street Should be required to be opened the immediate opening of the Street will not interfere with any Contract between Landlord and tenant from the foregoing considerations your Committee are induced to offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that the tenants occupying the buildings required to be removed for the opening and improving of Beekman Street be notified to remove therefrom on or before the first day of October next

Resolved that the Street Commissioner direct the Sale of the Buildings to be removed for the opening of Beekman Street after giving ten days notice of such sale by advertisement in the News Papers employed by this Corporation and that the buildings be removed on or before the 15th day of October next

Resolved that the Street Commissioner present the draft of an Ordinance for Pitching and Paving Beekman Street from [473] Pearl Street to the East River

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
William H Ireland
Samuel St John

The Petitions requesting the Opening might be delayed until next Spring & which were presented this Evening were called up and read A Motion was made to Strike out the Words "First of October." in the First Resolution of the Report of the Commee & insert First of May. The question being taken thereon and a division having been called by Mr Ireland it passed in the Negative as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald King Zabriskie Taylor Dyckman Mead Messrs St John Ireland Cowdrey Webb Marsh Doughty 13

Affirmative Ald Hall McQueen Mann Messrs Parker Thorn 5

The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Report & adopting the Resolutions which was carried in the Affirmative So the Report was approved and the Resolutions were adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the [474] Remonstrance against widening Pike St. to Sixty feet presented a report recommending its being widened to 50 ft. which was read and laid for further Consideration.

The Committee On Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of J Vanderpool for license as a Cartman reported as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of John J Vanderpool praying to be appointed and licensed as a Cartman,

Report

That they have enquired into the circumstances set forth in the petition and find them to be substantially correct The Petitioner has heretofore been a Cartman but owing to misfortune has become so reduced as not to be able to own a Horse and Cart. He has a Family depending on his labour for suport and his Friends propose to loan him a Horse and Cart How far it is expedient to rel
wholesome regulations now provided by law under any circu

is a question well worthy the Serious consideration of the Common Council.

The licensed Cartman of this City have become very numerous most of them are industrious & [475] respectable Men & from the nature of their Employment are entrusted with a vast amount of property The Confidence reposed in them doubtless arises in a great degree from the Circumstance of their being licensed by and Subject to the Controul of the Chief Magistrate of the City but this Controul must be feeble indeed when the Cartman is wholly destitute of Property to grant licenses therefore to such Is obviously calculated to give them a fictitious credit and to enable them if they are so disposed more easily to defraud their employers. Your Committee cannot avoid remarking too that in their opinion the bond required to be given in such Cases is a mere nullity, It is to be given to the Mayor and how a Stranger is to derive any benefit from it, is difficult to be perceived, without an Act of the Legislature as in case of a Constables bond. If therefore the Common Council Should deem it Expedient to grant licenses in the Cases alluded to—Your Committee recommend that measures be taken to procure Legislative Aid on the Subject. But as the Petitioner comes clearly within the Rules heretofore Established by the Common Council Your Committee feel Constrained to Recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted and for [476] that purpose they offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it be recommended to his honour the Mayor to grant license to John J Vanderpool as one of the Public Cartmen of the City on taking such bond as is required by law.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) E W King
Samuel Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} Thorn

After some discussion the Resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted and it was

Resolved that it be referred to the Comm^{ee} on Applications to the Legislature to consider as to the legality & Effect of Bonds given to the Corporation by sureties Conditioned for the performance of Contracts made by persons holding Commissions or appointments under the Corporation, and that they report their opinion wether an application to the Legislature is necessary for a Law to give Efficacy to such bonds.

[illegible]

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the N. Y. & Jersey Steam Boat Comp^y praying for a reduction of Rent reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the York & Jersey Steamboat Company for a reduction of rent. [477] On account of the Multiplication of Steamboats by which the Facilities of approach to the City have been increased and the travelling by way of Powles Hook consequently diminished And also an account of certain privations occasioned by the prevalence of Yellow Fever during the past Year their usual landing place being included for a few Weeks in the infected district. Beg leave to Report,

That Your Committee cannot perceive any just ground on which the Said Ferry Company can claim any deduction of Rent on account of privations occasioned by the occurrence of Yellow fever as that is a casualty against which no human power or Wisdom could provide and is also a calamity from which incorporated companies as well as individuals in general must Expect to Suffer. But the Committee think it Just & reasonable to acknowledge from a Statement laid before them of the present Situation and annual Income of the Establishment that there has been a very great and within a few Years a very Rapid diminution of their Receipts from the Ferry, and that the present amount of their Income is by no means equal to their Expenditures The Committee are also fully satisfied that unless a very considerable reduction is made from the amount [478] of Rent Specified in their lease which is $3000 per annum the Company will find it absolutely necessary to avail themselves of the alternative which is provided for in their lease Viz^t that of transferring one half of their Boats to the Corporation as security for all rents accruing in future and thereby relieve themselves from further individual responsibility and thus abandon the Ferry by suffering the Corporation to Reenter.

Upon a full investigation and maturely considering the subject Your Committee would respectfully recommend that a reduction of 50 per Cent. that is to say $1500 per annum be made from the Amount specified in their lease during its remaining term which is about 6 Years

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Annual rent of the York & Jersey Steamboat Company be reduced from three thousand dollars to one thos five hundred dollars per annum during the remain[in]g term lease Provided however that the said Company pay all the rent due up to the 1st of August last at the present rate of $3000 per annum

And Secondly that they Cancel and Annul that [479] Certain Clause in their lease which gives them the right of transferring one half of their Boats to the Corporation as a security for rent in lieu of their individual responsibility And Also that they discharge the Corporation from the Obligation which their lease imposes upon them at its expiration, Vizt to purchase one half the Boats of the Establishment together with the floating bridge on the N York side at an appraised Valuation

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed James Hall
Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie
S Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John W Wyman for exemption from payment of an assesment on a House and Lot in Chapel Street reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the memorial of John W Wyman Esqr praying to be Exempted from the payment of an Assessmt on a House & Lot in Chapel Street which Assessment was laid previous to his purchasing the property and Which Mr Betts the Collector told him [480] was paid Respectfully Report that the said assessment was laid and confirmed while John G Betts was the Owner of the premises and after he was appointed Collector he sold the Property to Abm Acker by whoese Affidavit it appears that said Betts assured him at the time he purchased it that the said Assessments were all paid Mr Wyman afterwards purchased the property at a Public Sale by order of Mr Ackers trustees and also Called on Betts for information relative to said Assessments who declared to him also that they were paid in full It appears however by his papers and accounts that Mr Betts, declarations were untrue in both instances, And Mr De Camp the present Collector has accordingly Called on Mr Wyman for payment of said Assessments. The Committee are of opinion after due deliberation that it would not be equitable under all the circumstances of the Case to enforce the Collection of said Assessments from Mr Wyman Inasmuch as there was no other source from whence he could derive correct information but the Collector of Assessments And he having deceived him while acting for the Corporation as their accredited agent leaves them no other persons to Look to but [481] himself and his Securities.

They therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that John W Wyman Esq^r be and he is hereby Exempted from the payment of the following Assessments Viz^t

For building Sewer in Chapel Street		$100.00
For Paving	do	20.00
total		120.00

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) James Hall
W^m H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

On the question of agreeing to the Report of the Committee it was carried in the affirmative and the Ayes & Noes having been called by Ald. Mann the members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald King Hall Zabriskie Mead Mess^{rs} Bolton St John Ireland Cowdrey & Webb. 10

Negative Ald McQueen Mann Taylor Dyckman Mr Parker Thorn Marsh Doughty 8.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of the Attorney on the Subject of objections made by Lessees of Common lands to taking leases therefore Reported as follows.

[482] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Annexed Communication of the Attorney of the Board Stating the objections of the lessees of the Common lands to accept of the leases which have been prepared on the ground that no provision has been made to secure them against Assessments.

Report

That by a resolution of the Common Council passed on the 7th day of Sept^r 1818 the Counsel of the Board is instructed to request the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment to Assess on the lessees of property belonging to the Corporation only so much of the Cost of any improvement as they shall be benefitted thereby and the remainder on the Corporation Your Committee are of opinion that this resolution meets and obviates the objection made by the present lessees; and as the leases have been prepared and some of them have been executed and delivered the holders whereof are equally entitled to the provision exempting them from Assessments with those who refuse to accept their leases for the want of it. The Committee recommend the passage of a Resolution in Substance the Same with the one above Cited with a [483] Special Reference to the leases of the Common [Council] recently delivered and that Each of the lessees be furnished with a copy of the resolution hereby recommended

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to request the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be hereafter appointed for the purpose of opening extending or enlarging any Street or public p[l]ace in this City to assess on the lessees of Property belonging to the Corporation Only so much of the Cost of such improvement as he or they shall in their opinion be benefitted thereby. in proportion to the Extent of his term and the remainder if any on the Corporation.

Resolved that a Certified Copy of the foregoing resolution be annexed by the Comptroller to each of the leases mentioned and referred to in this Report

Respectfully Submitted

Signed James Hall
W^{m} H Ireland
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie.

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Attorney's communication was as follows.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports [484] That several of the Lessees of Common lands divided into lots, have objected to execute or accept of the new leases on account of their being no provision introduced obliging the Corporation to pay Assessments if any Should be made on the premises during the term, They are willing to have the interest of any such assessment added to the rent and assert that such was their agreement with the Comptroller, The Attorney reports the Subject to the Board in Order that it may be referred to the proper Committee for Examination and direction

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulschoeffer atty

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz^{t}

For Paving Side Walks of Grand St. from Arundel st. to the Bowery and Abraham Dally John Bedient & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving the Side Walks of Rivington Street from the

Bowery to Orchard Street & John Targee Benjamin Prince & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating & Paving North Street from [485] Rivington to Orchard Street & Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and Pump in Greene Street near Prince st. & John Salisbury Cary Dunn J^{r} & Henry Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in North Street between the 1st & 2nd Avenue & Benjamin Prince Ab Dally & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were app^{d} assessors

The following resolution was presented & adopted

Resolved That it is desirable for the public convenience to extend and improve Houston Street in the Eighth ward and north Street in the tenth ward of this City in such manner that they may form a junction between Broadway and the Bowery road on the plan and lines laid down in a map shewing the property required to be taken for opening a Street from Broadway to the Bowery to intersect Houston and North Streets dated New York aug^{t} 1823 Surveyed by Isaac J Ludlum City Surveyor and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court at its ensuing October term for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate [486] and Assessment in the premises, in order that *that* the same may be carried into Effect according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided

Resolved that the Resolution of this Board on this Subject of the 9th of June 1823 be and the Same is hereby Rescinded

Mr Cowdrey presented an Amendment to the Law preventing nuisances, forbidding under a Penalty Butchers or others casting in any Avenue Street &c any Blood, Fat, offals of any Animal which was referred to the Market Committee.

He also gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move to proceed to the Election of a person to fill the office of Counsel to the Board made vacant by the Resignation of Ogden Edwards Esq^{r}

Ald. Hall presented a Resolution to admit the Canal boat Sloop Gleaner lately arrived from Albany & Vermont to lie at any of the Public Wharves of the City free from payment of Wharfage which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The following resolution was presented and adopted.

Resolved that the Subject of removing the present keeper of Potters field be referred to the Committee on Public lands and Places

The following was also presented and adopted

Resolved that Townsend Cock be removed from the Office of Inspector of Weights and Measures in and for the City of New York.

Mr Ireland moved that the 18th Rule of the Rules & orders be amended " So as that the motion for reconsideration should not be in Order, unless made by a person voting in the majority " which was laid for consideration

On motion the Board proceeded to the Election of a person to fill the office of Inspector of Weights and Measures

A Petition from Abraham Leggett soliciting the Appointment of Inspector of Weights & Measures was read

The Board Proceeded by Ballot to Elect a person to that office when Peter F Cisco having a majority of Votes of the Members present was declared Elected & appointed accordingly.

Upon motion It was Resolved that the Board will now proceed to appoint a Deputy Clerk of the Fulton market in the place of Ezra Frost resigned

[488] The Petitions of W^m^ A Hardenbrook John Minuse & W^m^ Messerve Jun^r^ for appointment to said office were called up and read The Board then proceeded by ballot to Elect a Person to fill said Office when upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that George DurYea had a majority of the Votes of the Members Present, he was accordingly declared duly chosen to said Office and was appointed Accordingly.

The Recorder moved that the Board now go into a consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on the propriety of directing a discontinuance of the Appeal to the Court of Errors in relation to the Canal Street Assessment Mr Parker moved that the consideration be postponed which was negatived The Board accordingly went into a consideration of the Report which being read was as follows. (See Page 419. for report) After some discussion the question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and adopting the Resolutions proposed the same was carried in the Affirmative The Ayes & Noes having been called thereon the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald King Hall Zabriskie Dyckmann Mead Mr Bolton St John Ireland Cowdrey Webb Marsh Doughty 13

Negative Ald Mann Mr Parker Thorn 3.

[489] So the Resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the Revision of the Laws reported a Law regulating the Salaries & compensation of the Officers & persons therein named Which was directed to be published for the use of the Members.

The following resolutions respecting the Extending & improving of North St. in the 10th Ward were presented and adopted (See Page 485 for Resolutions)

The Petitions respecting Sales at Auction in Chatham Street & the Subject of Sales in the Streets generally was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 6th 7th & 10th Wards The Committee on the Revision of the Laws were requested notwithstanding to Proceed in the printing of the Law approved of respecting Sales at Auction.

A Member Stating he had confidential business to communicate the Lobby was cleared & the

Doors Closed.*

[490] The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Account 1st Instant	$125.30
Received for Streets	
" Rents	

22 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d	645.75
Stephen Allen Esqr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 12 inst	750.
Richard Smith Clerk Washingtn Markt 1 mo. 1 inst	64.75
Ezra Frost do Fulton Market " "	41.66
Caze & Richaud 10 pieces Wool hose, for Engines	990.78
Editor Long Island Star adverts Water lots at Brooklyn	2.75
Heirs of Peter Clopper bal. Award for Maiden lane	13125.33
A Higgins and P Parks bal regulating Lombardy fr Clinton to Walnut st	783.60
George Lovett Act buildg bulkhead Fly market Slip	350.
H Smith balance regs & reps Fly Market st fr Pearl st to river	345.95
Thompson Price balance rebuilding Sewer in Fly market st	126.70
N Jarvis Assessment Repavg Collect st fr Anthony to Sewer Corpn proporn	138.60
Saml Fargay act regg & pavg Vesey front Corporation property	100.
A H Mooney repaving intersections 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10th wards	62.50
Wm Gee Posting bills to 12 inst	25.
Geo Charlton 1st Payment Well in Wooster st Prince to Houston st.	55.75
R Pettigrew bal. Well King st. n Hudson st	47.25
George B Smith Surveys for Wells &c	25.
R Graves St Commr Repairs of Roads	800.
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs for Repairs	800.
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Balance

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* No entry, although space left for same.—Ed.

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OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 1823 TO JANUARY 19, 1824

[1] In Common Council. Septr 29th 1823

Present The Hon'ble Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W King
James Hall
George Zabriskie
Robert McQueen
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Jacobus Dyckman
Henry Mead

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
Samuel Cowdrey
John Webb
Shivers Parker
William Thorn
David Marsh
George S. Doughty

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of B F J Gautier for permission to sell Goods at Auction in Chatham Square was referred to the Committee on that Subject Vizt the Alderman & Assistant of 4th 6th 7th & 10th wards.

A Petition of Phebe Blanchard and her Son Nicholas Blanchard Praying to be appointed keeper of Potters field was referred to the Committee on Lands & places.

A Petition of J H Underhill for License as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Henry Cornell for Stall No 5 Spring Street Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Whitefield Case for relief from fine as Deputy Contractor of Streets for not removing the [2] dirt therefrom was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Ann Stymets for relief from interest on tax due from her was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Gouverneurs Slip for the appointment of more Hay Cartmen was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor

A Remonstrance from Henry Rutgers & others against the Report of the Committee on Streets respecting Pike St was read and laid on the table it was afterwards called up and referred to the Counsel. See Page 26.

A Petition of John Nixon to be appointed Deputy Clerk of Franklin market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Dennis Doyle for permission to rent Lot No 65 Common lands which he holds under lease from Corporation was referred to the Finance Comm^{ce}

A Petition of John J Gantz to be appointed keeper of Potters field was referred to the Comm^{ee} on lands & Places

A Petition of Nehemiah Brush for permission to place an Iron railing along the side of his house corner of Hudson & Laight Streets was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Owners of all the lots on Canal Street between Greenwich & Washington Street praying [3] that that part of Canal Street including the Side walks may be paved was read and the Prayer of the Petition granted And the Street Commissioner was directed to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of George Rapalye to be appointed Deputy Clerk of Franklyn market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Chatham Square between Duane Street & Tryon Row praying that Stepping Stones be laid to the Pump situated in the Vicinity was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 4 & 6th Wards.

A Petition of James Dunn that he may be app^{d} Keeper of Potters field was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Petition of Mary Dunham Administratrix & the Administrators of David Dunham Deceased requesting permission to transfer the lease of Williamsburgh ferry to David R Dunham & Daniel L Griswold jointly was referred to the Finance Com^{ee} with authority.

A Petition of Daniel S Griswold & David R Dunham Purchasers of, (from the Administrators of David Dunham deceased) the lease of the Williamsburgh ferry praying they may be permitted to Encumber the same by Mortgage to the amount of the Purchase money was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[4] A Petition of William Schureman to be appointed Deputy Clerk of Franklin Market referred to the Market Committee

A Similar Petition from Charles Gardner was referred to the Same Committee

A Similar Petition from Jesse Hodges was referred to the Same Committee.

A Similar Petition from Reuben Knapp was referred to the Same Committee

A Similar Petition from Thomas Sproul was referred to the Same Committee

A Similar Petition from Samuel Adams was referred to the Committee

A Similar Petition from Peter J. Mead was referred to the Same Committee.

A Recommendation to appoint Robert M Fox as a Fence Viewer and appraiser of Damages was referred to the Alderman And Assistant of the Ninth Ward.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street 25 feet East of Washington Street was ref^{d} to the Ald^{n} and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Hartshorn Brown for license as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public offices.

[5] A Petition of Peter Chivvis for Stall N° 42 Washington market lately occupied by his deceased father was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Watson that Corporation will Exchange with him a Slip of land in front of his Lot at the junction of Maiden lane & Liberty Street was referred to the Committee on Streets with authority

A Petition of Abraham Vandeveer Administrator of Jeromus Schenck deceased for leave to assign the leases of lots N° 1 & 2 at Brooklyn was referred to the Comptroller with authority

A Petition from Thomas W Jenkins & his associates to be organised into a new Fire Engine Company & offering to present to the Corporation a new fire Engine with Apparatus compleat was referred to the Committee on the Fire DePartment.

A Petition of Peter Smith for an extension of time on an Ordinance for filling in certain lots was read & referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of John Halstead to be appointed Superintendant of the Mud Machine was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of James Burgess to be appointed Inspector of Paving Stones was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[6] A Petition of Peter Higgins & Patt Benson Executors of & Guardians of the Children of James & Mary Mullany requesting time for payment of an Assessment for paving Side walks in Elizabeth Street was referred to the Finance Committee

A Proposal of Jacobus Dyckman & others trustees under the Act relative to the Common lands of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Harlaem & the Act in addition thereto passed 20th of March 1823. offering to sell to the Corporation the whole tract of the Harlaem Commons was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Ozias Osburn for appointment as keeper of Potters field was ref^{d} to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Similar Petition from John Van Wart was referred to the Same Committee.

A Similar Petition from John Hill was referred to the same Committee

A Similar Petition from Artemas Mercer was referred to the Same Committee.

A Petition that Lawrence st might be regulated from Canal to Grand st. was ref^{d} to the Street Com^{ee}

A Petition of Stephen Balman to be appointed Inspector of Paving Stones was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[7] A Petition of Timothy Woodruff to build a Vault in Broome Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Comm^{r}

A Petition of Peter Lorillard that the Board will cede to him a small gore of land of about fifteen inches at the corner of Canal & Green st. & Running to a Point about 30 ft. from Canal Street along [property] of Petitioner which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Alexander M Muir to be permitted at the Expence of the State to pave White Street from Elm to Collect Street opposite the Enclosures of the N. York, State arsenal which being read It was resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted on Condition of its being done under the Inspection of the Street Commissioner

A Memorial of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 30 & 37. complaining of the Situation of the Engine house and praying that they may be located in another place Stating that a part of the ground of the Baptist Church in Delancy Street corner of Chrystie st. can be procured for that purpose was read and referred to the Com^{ee} on the Fire Departm^{t}

A Petition of W^{m} A Hardenbrook for some appointment under the Board was read and together with his former petition was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Applications.

A Petition of Abner Higgins praying that Interest may be allowed to him on his Contract for digging [8] out & Regulating Lombardy Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor Stated that he had received an application from certain persons a Committee on the behalf of the towns of Wiscassett & Alna in the State of Maine Soliciting pecuniary
the Inhabitants of those towns who had lately lost nearly all

erty by a destructive fire that he had agreably to the request of the said Committee made an Application in their behalf to the Citizens through the Public Prints but he thought it proper to Submit the Application to the Common Council for their further direction Whereupon the Subject was referred to the Committee on Charity.

The following Persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

N° 40.

William Eagles, Grocer Corner Broome st vice W^m^ Force resig'd

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Hamersley near Hudson St. which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

Also An Assessment for a Well and Pump in 4th Street near Broadway which was confirmed [9] and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

Also an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Wooster St between Prince & Houston St which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis app^d^ Collector

Also an Assessment for regulating and Paving Chapel Street from Lispenard to Canal Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also an Assessment for Repaving Fulton Street from Nassau St to Broad Way which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Water Street near Scammel Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

Also an Ordinance for pitching and paving Beekman Street and the Intersecting Streets between Cliff Street & the East River and Benjamin Prince John Targee and John Bedient were appointed Assessors

Also an Assessment for regulating and Paving South Street from Dover to Roosevelt Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis app^d^ Collector

Als[o] an Ordinance for Paving Canal Street & laying the Side Walks from Greenwich to Washington Street which was passed & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Jun^r^ & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

[10] The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition for a well and Pump in Willett st reported as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of Property on Willett Street between Broome and Delancy Streets praying for a Well and Pump to be placed in that neighbourhood Beg leave to

Report

That they have examined the premises and are of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Signed Henry Mead
R Graves St Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th ward & Street Commr on the petition for a Well & Pump in Attorney St. reported as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the tenth ward with the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of Property near the intersection of Attorney and North Streets praying that a Well and Pump may be placed in that neighbourhood Beg leave to Report.

That after a full examination of the premises they are of the opinion that [11] the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Henry Mead
R Graves St Comr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The City Inspector on the petition of Caspar W. Eddy reported as follows.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports to the Board on the petition of Caspar W Eddy presented at its last meeting relative to a nuisance on a lot fronting on Eldridge Street; On the 9th of June last An Ordinance was issued to abate the nuisance on the Premises of Dr Eddy in that quarter The [City Inspector] Called on Dr Eddy had his word as he believes that it Should be complied wit not done and the case being urgent the Ordinance was sent to the Attorney within these few days the City Inspector has seen the place the Ordinance is not Yet fully complied with yet as judgement has been obtained it is recommended that further Proceedings may be stayed until another representation which the City Inspector will in a few days offer respectfully Submitted

(Signed) George Cumming
C. I.

Which was approved and the recommendation of the City Inspector that all proceedings be delayed until his further Report was agreed to.

He also presented Ordinances for correction of the following nuisances which were passed.

[12] The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances

Nº 1	James Warner	Owner	First Street	A Lot
2	Gideon Nicholas	do	Delancey st	do
3	Israel White	do	Cherry street	do
4	Elisha Morrall	do	Essex st	do
5	Margaret Stuyvesant	do	do	do
6	Peter G Stuyvesant	do	do	do.

Signed George Cumming, C. I.

The Attorney reported that in the suits against Hunt & Van Nostrand for the last quarters rents of Fulton Ferry and against Merserole & Higgins for the last quarter due by them on the Street Contract the Defendants had proposed to refer the Suits to Arbitration And it was resolved that the Attorney be permitted to agree to reference in said Suits

He also presented the following

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports that according to the resolution passed at the last meeting a rule was entered in the Case of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Plaintiffs in Error and Herman Le Roy and others defendants in Error in the Court for the trial of impeachments and the Correction of Errors discontinuing and non Prossing the writ of Error, of which due notice has been given to the opposite party

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Which was directed to be filed.

The Attorney, presented to the Board a Petition to the Supreme court a *Petition to the Supreme* [13] *Court* for the Extension and improvement of Houston Street & North Street to Broadway which was directed to be duly authenticated

He also presented for Execution a Lease to Moses Jaques & Elias D B Ogden of a Ferry right or birth for a Ferry Steam boat at Whitehall which was directed to be duly Executed

He also presented the Bonds of Noah Jarvis and Morris De Camp as Collectors of Assessments with their Sureties with the following report

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports that agreeably to the directions given him by the Finance Committee the Enclosed Bonds were prepared to be duly executed by the Collector of Assessments and their Sureties, These bonds have accordingly been executed by the Sureties agreed upon by the Committee, these are general bonds instead of taking the bonds as heretofore for each particular assessment and upon being accepted by the Board ought to be directed to be filed in the Street Commissioners office.

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the bonds were accepted and directed to be filed in the Office of Street Commissioner

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of P Mondon Lawrence Moore & John B Wilbers reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Laurence Moore P Mondon & John B Wilber praying to be relieved from payment of taxes

Report that, Lawrence Moore [14] has produced a certificate from the Assessors of the 8th Ward in which they State that his house should have been valued at $400 instead of $2400 And recommend the Correction of the Error

P Mondon produced a receipt to your Com^ee of the Payment of Personal tax of $5.50 in the Second ward the tax of $1.25 demanded by the Collector of the 3^d ward appears to your Committee he ought to be released from the payment of. John B Wilbur produced a discharge from the Recorder of the date of Oct^r 12th 1823 from which circumstance Your Committee are of Opinion that relief ought to be granted they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector receive from Lawrence Moore a tax on $400 on his house 228 Church St. and return the residue in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of the 8th Ward and that he refrain from Collecting any personal tax from P Mondon and John B W the Year 1822 and that he return the Same in the list of Errors & Insolvencies of their respective wards.

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry Mead

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Committee on Assessments with Ald Mann & the Recorder to whom was referred the subject of the Canal Street Assessment reported as follows

[15] The Committee on Assessments with Alderman Mann & the Recorder to whom the Subject of the Canal Street Assessment was referred

Report that they are of Opinion that the annexed Ordinance should be passed for a new Assessment of the Expence of building the Canal St Sewer

(Signed) W^{m} Thorn
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie.
Henry Mead
George S Doughty

Whereupon the Ordinance presented by them for making an Estimate of the Expence of the Common Sewer in Canal Street and making a just & Equitable Assessment thereof was passed, and Peter Stagg Elisha Tibbits & James Bleecker were appointed the Assessors therein

The Street Committee on the Petition for Regulating & Paving Lawrence Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry Owners of Lots on Lawrens Street between Bleecker Street and Amity lane praying that that Street may be paved and the Side walks gravelled

Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and Accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[16] The Street Committee on the petition that West Street may be regulated &c between Harrison & Hubert Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry Owners of property fronting on West Street praying that that Street may be filled up to the regulatⁿ thereof from Harrison Street to Hubert Street

Report

that in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the City Inspector on Amity lane Reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed Communication of the City Inspector relative to the filling up of a Certain portion of Old Amity lane which is said to be sunken and Occasionally filled with Water.

Report

that on a deliberate investigation they do not find that Amity lane so called has Ever been Ceded by the Original proprietors as a Street or Highway or that it has even been [17] used as such and therefore your Committee are of the Opinion that it is inexpedient for this Corporation to take any order in relation thereto and accordingly Submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Corporation to take any Order in regard to the filling & regulating of Amity lane

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
Wᵐ H Ireland

The Report of the City Inspector was as follows

The City Inspector respectfully Reports to the Board that the alleged owners of Amity lane in the Eighth Ward Stephen N Bayard & Abraham Herring were ordinanced to fill in the Said Lane with Earth so as to correct a considerable Nuisance there the Owners have not complied nor is there any probability that they will comply as one of them States that by Some proceedings of a former Corporation they are deprived of an ancient right in the lane and therefore they will Stand Suit rather than fill in the lane

Under these Circumstances it is recommended to the Board to refer the Entire Subject to the Street Comm^{ee} to report what may be most expedient in this difficult affair

Signed Georg Cumming
City Inspector

Whereupon the resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted

[18] The Street Committee on the petition to have the Side Walks of Water St. & Oliver Street Paved reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abeel & Dunscomb and Others praying that Side Walks of Oliver Street may be laid from Water Street to South Street and Also on the Southerly Side of Water Street from James Slip to Catharine Slip

Report.

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved

That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Signed Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for Paving Christopher Street & a Remonstrance against the Same reported against the Petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons to have Christopher St. paved and also a remonstrance against the measure.

[19] Report.

That in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners in as much as that it appears that a large majority of the

Owners of Property on that Street are opposed thereto and therefore recommend the passing of the following resolution

Resolved

That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Hezekiah B PierPoint for a water grant at Brooklyn reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Application of H B PierPont for a grant of the ground between high and low water mark opposite his premises at Brooklyn.

Respectfully Report

That they have examined a map of the premises drawn by George B Smith, Esq^{r} Deputy St Com^{r} and find that the extent of the front of Mr Pierponts land is 339 ft. for which they recommend that a grant be made to him on the usual Conditions and offer the following resolutions

Resolved

that the ground between high and low [20] Water mark opposite the land belonging to Mr H B Pierpont at Brooklyn extending 339 ft. along the East River be granted to him at the following usual rates of quit rent, to wit, at 6½ Cents per foot for the first 21 Years and at 12½ Cents per foot forever after.

(Signed) James Hall
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland
H. J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a petition of Lydia Healy for remuneration of loss sustained by a Conveyance of the Corporation of a Lot of ground to B F Haskins & through intermediate conveyances the property of Petitioner which lot did not Contain the quantity of ground sold presented a Report in favour of Petitioner granting to her as a remuneration for said loss of gr^{d} the Sum of \$294 $^{15}/_{100}$ the question being taken on agreeing

Report of the Committee after considerable discussion had thereon it passed in the negative So the Report was disagreed to.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Heirs of W^{m} Byron for further time to pay an Assessment on the property of Deceased for opening Maiden lane reported against the Petitioners as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the heirs of William Byron for an extension of time for the payment [21] of an Assessment of Property assessed for Opening & Widening Maiden lane

Respectfully Report

That they have duly investigated and considered the Subject. And although Your Committee are fully Sensible of the inconvenience that must be experienced by the Petitioners as well as, in several other [cases] of a similar nature they can not Conceive it their duty to depart from the uniform course which the Common Council have pursued in Such Cases

They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

(Signed) James Hall
S Coudrey
George Zabriskie
William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves & Slips on the petition of Edward Vermilyea for the appointment of Inspector of Firewood at Harlaem reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Edward Vermilyea praying to be appointed and inspector of Firewood for the Village of Harlaem

Respectfully Report

That they are of opinion from the magnitude of the place that a [22] Considerable quantity of firewood is purchased and consumed in this Village and its Vicinity and as disputes may arise between Buyer and Seller. Your Committee are in favour of granting the prayer of the petitioner and therefore respectfully Submit the following resolution.

Resolved that Edward Vermilyea be and he is hereby appointed an inspector of Fire[illegible], And that his district comprise all that

Space on *that Space on* the East River lying between the dock at the New Alms House and Harlaem Bridge

Signed William H Ireland
James Hall
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
E W King

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of W^{m} Baker & others for an extension of time in making South st to the permanent line reported in favour as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of William Baker and others praying that the Board would Extend the time allowed them by Ordinance for filling in and making South Street to its permanent line in front of their Property laying between Catherine and Market Slips

Respectfully Report,

[23] That the reason assigned by the petitioners for making this request is that they are unable to procure Suitable Dock logs for completing the Work this Season Your Committee are of Opinion that their request is reasonable and ought to be granted they therefore recommend the Adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the time allowed to William Baker and others for making South Street to its permanent line in front of their property laying between Catharine and Market Slips be and is hereby extended to the first day of June 1824.

Signed William H Ireland
James Hall
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
E W King

Which Was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Garrit Sentis for Stall N^{o} 23 Washington Market Reported as follows

The Market Committee to Whom was referred the Petition of Garrit Sentis Jun^{r} Butcher for a grant of Stand N^{o} 23 Washington Market at present held by Charles Gilman who is willing to Surre
the Same

Report

that the above Applicant is recommended as a very pro to have a stand in the Market they would therefore recommend that he have a grant of the above Stand and receive a License for the Same And for that [24] purpose offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Garrit Sentis Junr receive a license and Grant for Stand No 23 Washington Market.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on the Revision of the Laws presented two additional Sections to the Market Law which were read and approved.

On Motion of Mr Cowdrey Resolved that the Finance Committee be discharged from the Consideration of the Resolution relative to a further Compensation to the Clerk of the Sessions and that the Same be referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

On Motion Resolved that the Collection of the Assessment for opening Beekman St. be entered upon forthwith and that Morris De Camp be the Collecter thereof.

The following was presented and Referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

Resolved that the Committee on Lands & Places be authorised to Plant in the Park & on the Battery One hundred ornamental trees of a large size say not [25] less than Twelve inches diameter at the Butt.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed

For Pitching & Paving Lawrence Street from Bleecker Street to Amity lane & Isaac Kip John Brower & Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well & Pump in Willett Street between Broome and Delancy Street and Abraham Dally John Salisbury & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also an ordinance for Paving the Side Walks in Oliver & Water Streets & Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & John Bedient appd Assessors

Mr Parker State being the day appointed by Charter to Elect a Ch rer he moved that the Board now proceed to that Election A Motion was made to postpone the Same The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, the Ayes & Noes having been called by Mr Parker the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Ald Wyckoff King Hall Zabriskie McQueen Taylor Dyckman Mead Mr Bolton St John Cowdrey Webb Doughty 13

Negative Ald Mann Mr Parker Thorn Marsh 4.

So the motion for postponement was carried

[26] The Report of the Street Committee on the Remonstrance against widening Pike Street to 60 feet presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration was now called up the Report Recommended that it be widened only 50 feet. The Remonstrance of Henry Rutgers & others against the Report of the Comm^ee presented this Evening was called up & read After some considerable discussion the Report & Remonstrance were referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of opening the Street to a less width than that Specified in the Deed of Cession from the Grantors (the Rutgers family).

His Honor the Mayor Stated that he had last Year brought to the consideration of the Common Council Some Subjects relating to the Concerns of the City in Which Legislative interference was necessary and which had been acted upon by the Board.

The lateness of the period at Which they had been brought before the Legislature probably prevented their being fully considered so as to have Legislative provision made in relation to them

He had therefore thought it proper at this Early day to bring them to the considerat^n of the Common Council that if they met with their approbation they might be prepared to transmit them to the Legislature at an Early period of their Session.

He accordingly presented a communication of Considerable [27] length in relation to Inns and taverns, Alien Passengers Hackney Carriages Theatrical & Musical Performances & Shows and to remedy Inconveniences experienced under the Law for the Assessment & Collection of taxes. Whereupon the said Communication was directed to be printed for the use of the Members and also that part of his communication of last Year in relation to a General Collector

The Comptroller Reported as follows

Balance as per Acct. 15th instant	$1417.45
Received for Streets	7149.30
Rents	1158.92
Justices Courts	[illegible]
Real Estate	
Arrears of tax	

Received Fines from Attorney	$460.50
Wells & Pumps	276.44
Police Office Sales of Property	189.80
Fines &c from Sheriff	170.
Mayoralty fees	90.
Excise	55.
Commutation Alien Passengers	30.
	$13,303.89

47 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d	645.75
Wm S Smith Collector City revene 1 Qr Salary 22nd	254.
Wm J Waldron Assistt City Inspector 1 mo	45.50
[28] Obadiah Ayres Assist City Inspectr 1 month	45.50
Asten & Cochrane, Messengers 1 do	52.
C Gilmore Keeper of Battery 1 do	33.75
A McCready do Park 1 do	33.75
Daniel H Magee Potters field	37.50
John Taylor Street Inspectr 1s ward " "	30.
Peter Wright do 2th " "	30.
T Jeroleman do 3th " "	30.
Nicholas B Lyon do 4th " "	30.
Ab Ackerman do 5th " "	30.
Wm Kerr do 6th " "	30.
B Fuller do 7th " "	30.
S Hutchings do 8th " "	30.
D Hubbard do 10th " "	30.
Ezra Frost Clerk Fulton market 1 to 17th inst	22.22
Isaac Asten Sweeper do 1 month	46.59
Jacob Morton Secty Bd of Health Salary 1823	250.
Benjamin Hicks Assist do 1 mo 1 Octr	45.50
J Pinckney do do " "	45.50
Dr Roosa further Compensation for Services in Epedemic of 1822	50.
Geo Mills Inspector of Shipping for Notices	6.
Wm H Ireland Chairn of Comee of Wharves & for work at Mud Machine	95.
Joseph L Hays Services getting Witnesses for Court	4.
G Snethen Sups lights Lamps 1 mo. 1. octr	627.72
N Comstock 21. Casks of Oil	566.80
Robert Provoost repairing Lamps 1 mo 1st octr	81.54
David S Jones fees &c Opening Beekman Street	718.47
James Mehan Act reg & reps Collect st fr Anthony to Sewer	600.
R Pettigrew Act pavs Elizabeth St. C Spring	200.
S Fargay Act regs Washingtn st fr Carlisle to Beaver lane	180.
J Bailey regs [&] paving Ridge Street fr Stanton north	143.88
H Smith act regs Dey st fr Washington to West	150.

[29] S Fargay bal reg^{g} &c Corporat^{n} property at Washington market slip	$220.23
R Ayres 50 load of Chips at fulton and White hall slip	7.38
J Gallagher bal on Well Church n Leonard st	52.38
R Pettigrew bal. on do Provoost n Hudson st	45.32
G Charlton bal on do Laight st n Canal st	31.50
G Charlton bal on do 13th st n Broadway	42.75
B Brower 676 tons Stone at Battery	295.75
Geo Concklin Sup^{g} buil^{g} Wall at do	168.
J. P. Roome Sup^{t} of Repairs for Altering Park gates	419.
Arthur Burtis Sup^{t} of Alms House	5000.
	$12992.78
	$311.11

Board adjourned
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[31] Special Meeting Oct^{r} 6th 1823

In Common Council

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall
George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland
John Webb
Shivers Parker
William Thorn
David Marsh
George S Doughty

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with

His Honor the Mayor Stated that this meeting was called at the request of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws.

A Petition of John Ellis for the payment of the Sum awarded to him on opening Dover Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Mason to Exchange Lot. N° 77. and also to purchase the fee of lots N° 89 & 95 Common lands was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the New York & Jersey Steam boat Ferry Company to have their quarters [32] rent remitted to them and to be permitted to give their Boats in lieu of Personal Security was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Leonard Warner for permission to construct a Vault in Maiden lane was referred to the Ald & Assistant of Ward & St. Commissioner

A Petition of Charles Mooney for payment of Balance due him on Contract for Streets was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James Thompson for relief from Personal tax in the first Ward being also assessed for Personal tax in Dutchess County where his Summer residence is was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Request of Col Spicer commanding the 11th Regiment of N. Y. State Artillery to be permitted to Parade his Regiment on the 8th inst. in the Park, was granted

The Street Commr presented the following Ordinances which were passed Vizt

An Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Attorney Street near North St and Benjamin Prince Cary Dunn Junr and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving the Carriage way & laying the Side Walks of Canal Street from Greenwich st. to Washington Street & John Bedient [33] Cary Dunn Junr & John Brower were appd Assessors.

The Street Committee on the Report of the Attorney in the Case of John Ireland reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Attorney of the Board respecting the Claim of Mr John Ireland in reference to that part of Amity Street running through his Ground

Report

That from all the information they can obtain on the Subject they are of opinion that the Corporation ought to consider Mr Ireland in the Same Situation as if the agreement of 1812 had been carried into Effect throughout Yet they think that this gives no colour of Right to the Claim of Mr Ireland In Order however to avoid expense and a legal Controversy they advise that the whole matter be submitted to arbitration. to decide the rights of the parties in the Earth on the Said Street and Every part thereof And to award that the Expence of said Arbitration be borne by either of the parties Exclusively or be paid by them in such proportion as the Arbitrator may deem proper

William Slosson Esqr having been agreed upon by the Attornies of the Corporation and of Mr Ireland as the Arbitrator · Your Committee recommend that Arbitration bonds be entered into on the Basis of this Report and they Submit the following Resolution.

[34] Resolved that the Board prepare proper Arbitration bonds agreably to this Report and that in the Execution of the Same he proceed so as to obtain the decision of the Question by the Arbitrator

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
David Marsh
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for regulating Lawrence Street from Canal to Grand street reported against the Petitioners as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Thomas Lovett & others praying that Lawrence Street may be regulated from Canal to Grand St.

Report

That in Their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners inasmuch as that part of the Street has not been ceded to this Board and that individuals claim rights in the ground by purchase and possession

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
W^m^ H Ireland
Samuel St John

[35] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Zabriskie presented the following which was approved

Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to Enquire into the Expediency of paving the Street between Watts & Canal Street leading from Washington to West Street at the foot of which the Ferry to Hoboken has recently been *Establishment* [Established]

Ald Mann moved that the Resolution he presented on the third of January last that an additional Ward be made to be called the 11th Ward and which was laid for Consideration be now called up for the purpose of a reference which was agreed to Upon motion it was then referred to the Committee on Public Offices

The Board proceeded to finish the consideration of the Laws which were under Revision.

The Law respecting Surveyors was called up and the 36th Section was reconsidered and amended

The Law Respecting Salaries which had been laid for consideration & printed for the use of the members was called up the Blanks filled up & the law approved the final question on its passage was not taken.

On Motion of Ald Hall It was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to consider of allowing an Assistant Clerk to the Clerk of the Common Council

[36] An Invitation from the Committee on lands & places to be present at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Wall which is to Enclose the New City Burial ground on Saturday next at One Oclock was read [and] accepted.

Board adjourned.

[37] In Common Council Octr 13th 1823

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Coudrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	Wm Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty

The minutes of the last meetings Regular & Special were read and approved.

A Petition of Blaze Ten Brook for Stall N° 12 Spring Street market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that the Sewer in Burling Slip may be repaired or altered after the manner of the one in Maiden lane was referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition that the Side Walks in Grand Street between Broadway and & Varick Street may be laid was referred to the Street Committee.

[38] A Petition of Philetas Woodruff for permission to remove

a Wooden building was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 5th & 6th wards wh powers.

A Petition for a Well in Lawrence Street at the intersection of Prince Street was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 8th ward & Street Commr

A Petition of Thomas Willets a Minor for license as a Cartman was referred to the Commee on Public Offices with Powers

A Petition of John Farrell to lease a Gore of land belonging to the Corporation at the intersection of Grand and Henry Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Hannah Murray for payment of the Sum awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate for opening Green Wooster & Canal Street was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Rosewell Saltonstall praying the Countenance of the Corporation in relation to a time Piece which he has invented on a new Principle was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Petition of James Post a Cartman that his son Peter Post who is a Minor may be licensed in his Stead he having the misfortune lately to Break his leg was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers

[39] The Petition of Hartshorne Brown referred at the last meeting to the Same Committee was now referred to them with authority &c.

A Petition of John Castlin for relief from fine for not Sweeping the Street in front of his house was referred to the Police Committee

A Letter from John Ogden Dey offering for sale to the Board a Map of the Western part of the State was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with authority to direct a purchase of the Same.

A Similar reference was made to them respecting a Map of the United States by John Melish with like powers

A Letter from L Smith on Subject of the proposal made to the board at the last meeting of the Establishment of a Fire Engine Company No 44 with the intention of presenting an Engine with apparatus compleat to the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Letter was received from Robert Bogardus Stating that he had been Employed by Dr Roosa to recover Compensation for his services under the Board of Health during the Prevalence of the [illegible]
1822 and proposes that it be referred to Mr [illegible]

agree upon a feigned issue to ascertain the sum to be paid to D^{r} Roosa. Whereupon the Same was referred [40] To The Recorder Ald Hall Ald McQueen

An Invitation from Signor Causici a Statuary & a Pupil of Canova to view a Model of an Equestrian Statue of the Illustrious Washington executed by him was presented and accepted for Saturday next at 10 oClock

A Petition of Nicholas De Longuemarre complaining of a Nuisance in Carmine Street was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Harman Le Roy Jun^{r} for relief from tax assessed on him in first Ward he being a resident of Westchester County [was referred to the Committee on Assessments]

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Maiden lane & Liberty Street that a Pump at the Corner of Maiden lane & Liberty Street may be removed was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 2nd ward & Street Comm^{r}

A Petition for a Well at Intersection of Washington & Desbrosses Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 5th ward & Street Comm^{r}

A Petition of W^{m} A Hardenbrook for office of Deputy Clerk of one of the Markets of the City was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of J P Dietrich & others members of the German Reformed Church Stating that an abuse of a charity granted by the Legislature [41] in April 1801 has been Committed & requesting an Examination & Enquiry of the Same was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor.

The following were appointed fireman the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancy

Hose Company N^{o} 1.

Isaiah Macy Carpenter 26 Mulberry Street vice Ezekiel Halstead Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for pitching and Paving Columbia Street from Rivington to North Street Which was passed and Benjamin Prince John Targee and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for widening Dover Street from Cherry to Water Street & a Warrant was directed to issue to Morris De Camp to Collect the Same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents of the following Assessments and Warrants were directed to issue to Noah Jarvis Coll^{r} to Collect the Same

An Assessment for opening Amity Street
D° for a Well and Pump in Carmine St.
D° " D° in Bleecker St.
D° " D° in Amity near Wooster st
D° " D° *in Amity* in Grand st.
D° " D° in Amity near Green st.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances which were passed, Viz^{t}

[42] The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances

N° 1	D Tenbroeck	Owner	Orchard st	A Lot
2	W C Leffingwell	Agent	Downing st	do
3	A L Stewart	owner	Varick st	do
4	H Le Roy	D°	D°	D°
5	W^{m} Simpson	D°	Canal St	D°
6	J^{b} Sherwood	D°	Grand St	D°
7	J Mesier	D°	Watts st	D°
8	St. Elder	D°	Grand st	D°

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

The Attorney presented a Report upon the reference to him respecting Pike Street which was read and laid on the table. It was afterwards called up on the discussion of the Report of the Committee on that subject.

He also presented the following

The Attorney of the Board pursuant to the directions of the Finance Committee and of the Comptroller has prepared a lease of a Store and Lot of Ground in Market Slip lately purchased by the Corporation of James Amory to Gilbert S Mount Apollus Wetmore & Isaac K Jessup for 4½ Years at $150 per Year which he respectfully reports for execution (Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the deed was directed to be duly Executed.

He also presented the following

The Attorney of the Board herewith [43] Submits for execution a Lease for nineteen Years from the 26th Sept^{r} 1822 to W^{m} Roe for two lots of ground fronting on the East Side of Broadway between Fourth & Art Street heretofore Sold at auction for an Assessment and not redeemed. (Signed) M. Ulshoe

Whereupon the Same was directed to be duly Executed.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Peter Chivvis for Stall N° 42 Washington market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Chivvis Butcher for a grant of Stand N° 42 Washington Market, held for many years by his father recently deceased

Report.

That the petitioner has for the last three or four years carried on the business for his father during which time he has conducted himself in a very becoming manner, by a late resolut^{n} all Stands becoming vacant by death of the occupant or otherwise were to be leased at public Auction this Case however seems hardly to come within that rule as the Applicant was in possession of the Stand before the passage of that resolution—Your Committee under all the Circumstances of the Case would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted And for that purpose offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Stand N° 42 Washington market be granted to Peter Chivvis [44] and that he receive a lease for the Same

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
David Marsh
John Webb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the [petition] of Henry Cornell for Stall N° 5 Spring St Market and of Francis ONeil for Stall N° 4 Centre market Reported in their favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Cornell for Stand N° 5 Spring st market the present occupant wishing to give it up & also the petition of Francis Oneil for Stand N° 4 Centre Market the present holder wishing to transfer the Same

Report

That the above applicants from the best information Your Committee can obtain are of good Character have Served regular apprenticeships to the Butchers trade and are deserving of Stands they therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved that Stand N° 5 Spring st Market be granted to Henry Cornell and that he receive a license for the Same

Resolved that Stand N° 4 Centre market be granted to Francis ONeil and that [45] he receive a license for the Same

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Ann Stymets Samuel Rathbone Ralph Hall and Peter J Mead reported against the petit^{rs} as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Ann Stymets Sam^{l} Rathbone Ralph Hall and P J Mead asking relief from payment of taxes

Report.

That Ann Stymets is willing to pay her tax she asks relief from the payment of interest of $\$1\ {}^{58}/_{100}$ Samuel Rathbone Stating that his building is occupied as a School house from which he derives a revenue Ralph Hall states that he has paid his tax in the 4th ward which on examination proves to be on the Store he occupies, P J Mead States he is a Sergeant in the 5th Regiment Infantry from which he claims Exemption on $500 but Your Committee find no law to warrant his Claim They find no good reason for granting relief in Either of the Cases above Cited and respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners [46] ought not to be granted

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J. Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Thompson reported against the prayer of the Petitioner as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of James Thompson asking relief from the Assessment on his personal property in this City he having been assessed in Duchess County

Report.

That they have given his case their most deliberate consid and find that the Petitioner is assessed in the first ward about the 1st of June where he had resided during the winter on the 9th of the same month he was assessed in Rhinebeck Dutchess County where he had been but 4 or 5 days a time barely sufficient to gain a residence Your Committee are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant relief they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[47] The Same Committee on the petition of William Stone reported against the Prayer of the petitioner as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of W^{m} Stone asking relief from an Assessment for regulating McDougall Street

Report

That it appears the property of Mr Stone was assessed for regulating McDougall Street \$547.$^{18}/_{100}$ in the year 1819, the Sum of \$300 was paid by the agent of Mr Stone on account that after waiting Some considerable time for Mr Stone to return, the property was sold for 999 Years for the Balance of 247 $^{18}/_{100}$ dollars this appears to be a hard [case] but it is one in which Your Committee are of opinion that relief ought not to be granted inasmuch as the Street is regulated the Assessment made and collected and the length of time elapsed Since the business has been closed [we] think it inexpedient to grant relief [and] offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

(Signed) William Thorn
Geo Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Peter Lorillard reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lorillard for a Gore of land belonging to the Corporation Laying in front of his premises in Green Street to which Gore of [48] *of* Land Mr Lorillard considers himself Entitled in consequence of his having paid a very heavy Assessment on his lots adjoining Said gore which Assessment he considers to have been Much higher than was laid on lots equally benefitted Your Committee Respectfully Report.

That they do not consider the reasons offered by Mr Lorillard to be Sufficient ground on which to recommend a departure from the usual course pursued in disposing of Gores of land which come into the possession of the Corporation by Assessment While Your Committee recommend that the said gore be sold to Mr Lorillard at a very moderate price provided he wishes to purchase

A Sense of Duty compels them to offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Signed James Hall
W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Mary Dunham for permission to transfer Lease of Williamsburgh Ferry to David R Dunham and Dan^{l} S Griswold and of David R Dunham and Daniel S Griswold for permission to mortgage the Same [49] Reported in favour of the Petitioners as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Mary Dunham for permission to transfer the Lease which was granted to David Dunham deceased of Williamsburgh Ferry to David R. Dunham and Daniel S Griswold. And also the Petition of Messrs David R Dunham and Daniel S Griswold for permission to charge and encumber the said Lease so to be transferred.

Respectfully Report.

That the said Williamsburgh ferry Establishment being a part of the Estate of David Durham Deceased it became necessary to Sell the said Establishment at Public Auction In Order to Settle the Estate And that David R Dunham & Daniel S Griswold were the Purchasers of Said ferry and are under the necessity of mortgaging the Same until they can realize their Expectations as heirs of the Estate of Mr Dunham

The Committtee have duly considered the Subject and have not been able to perceive that any inconvenience to the Public or infringement of the rights of the Corporation can arise from the transfer being de agreably to the request of the Petitioners And they recom following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted.

James Hall, W^m^ H Ireland
Signed Henry J Wyckoff, Sam^l^ Cowdrey
George Zabriskie.

[50] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of the New York and Jersey Steamboat Company Reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the New York & Jersey Steamboat Company Praying a reconsideration of their former report, which was accepted by the Board in favour of Reducing the rent of said Company from 3000 dollars to 1500 dollars for the remaining term of their lease the said reduction to commence from the first day of Aug^{t} last. And praying that the said Reduction may commence from the first day of May last. And also that a mortgage upon one half of the Boats of the Establishment might be taken as a security for the rent in lieu of the present Personal Security named in their lease And also renewing their application for a further reduction of rent on account of Loss sustained by the Occurrence of Yellow fever last Year.

Respectfully Report.

That they have again had the Subject under consideration and upon mature deliberation have agreed to recommend that So much of the said be granted as relates to the Commencement of the reduction of rent on [51] the first day of May last And that So much as relates to a further reduction on occurrence of Yellow fever and to the mortgage upon the [Boats] be taken in Lieu of Personal Security be rejected for the Same reasons as were offered in their former Report on the Subject.

They therefore offer the following resolutions

Resolved that *that* the annual rent of the York and Jersey Steamboat Ferry Company be reduced from $3000 to $1500 dollars per annum during the remain[in]g term of their Lease.

Provided however that the Said Company pay all the rent due up to the first day of may last at the present rate of $3000 per annum.

And Secondly that they cancel and annul that Certain Clause in their Lease which gives them the right of transferring one half of their boats to the Corporation as a security for the rent in lieu of their Individual responsibility And also that they discharge the Corporation from the Obligation which their lease imposes upon them at its Expiration to wit. to purchase One half the Boats of the Establishment together with the floating bridge on the New York Side at an appraised valuation

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) James Hall
William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Sam^l Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John Ellis [52] for payment of Sum awarded him On opening Dover Street reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ellis for the immediate payment of the amount of 2500 dollars monies awarded for property owned by him and his children taken by the Commissioners for the opening & widening Dover Street

Respectfully Report

That the Said Property for which the Said monies are awarded by the Said commissioners is now in dispute between the Said Ellis and his Children and that in all such Cases the Corporation is directed by the Statute to pay the monies into the Supreme Court which course in the opinion of Your Committee is the only proper one to be pursued The Committee are however informed that Mr Ellis is in very great want of the means of Subsistence and his Case being a very peculiar one they recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the said award of 2500$ be paid immediately into Court so that Mr Ellis can apply to the Court for the Assistance he so much needs

James Hall
(Signed) W^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee of the Aldermen [53] and Assistants of 4th 6th 7th & 10th wards presented a Report which was referred back to them for Amendment they afterwards presented the following report with a Law Entitled A Law to amend the Law relative to Sales at Auction

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Annexed memorial of Sundry Inhabitants residing in Chatham Square relative to the practice of Selling various wares and merchandise by auction on said Square

Respectfully Report

That they have made diligent Enquiry as to the Sentiments and wishes of the Owners of as well as occupants of the property in that neighbourhood and find them almost unanimously in favour of Prohibiting Altogether Sales at Auction in the Said Square of any articles whatever. And upon Mature deliberation Your Committee are also of the Opinion that no good reason can be assig^{d} for granting the priviledge of occupying the said Public Square by the Exposure and Sale of various Articles to Auctioneers while the Same priviledge is with held by other Citizens It would be a great advantage to many Individuals both Merchants and Mechanics to have the priviledge of Encumbering the Streets and Public squares of the City which priviledge is denied them by the laws for the obvious reason that it would be a public Inconvenience

Your Committee cannot perceive any reason why an Auctioneer Should not at his own Expence furnish himself with the necessary [54] Store and room in which to transact his business as well as the Cabinet maker the Chair maker the Lumber Merchant the Coal Merchant or any other Mechanics or Merchants

The Present Practice of Selling almost all kinds of wares and Merchandize in the Public Squares and Streets has in the opinion of Your Committee become the Ground of very Just and loud Complaint from those Mechanics and Merchants whose business *in* [is] interrupted and injured thereby It is a notorious fact that a considerable number of the Citizens are supplied with various articles manufactured in a deceptive manner and sold by Auction at the very doors of the Industrious and honest manufacturer and regular venders of similar Articles of a fair quality.

For the reasons above set forth as well as others which might be named the Committee beg leave to offer the following Ordinance

Be it Ordained &c that the present Law or permission authorising sales by Auction to be held in the Centre of Chatham Square be and the Same is hereby repealed And that from and After this day until the first day of May next Sales by Auction in Chatham square shall be regulated as follows.

Viz^{t} No Article or Articles Shall be placed or exposed for sale in Chatham Square within 60 feet from the Side walk on the Northerly Side of the Said Square [55] nor within 40 ft of the Side walk on the Southerly or Easterly Side of said square in front of the Store occupied by the persons selling under the penalty of 25 dollars for each offence.

Be it ordained &c that from and after the first day of May next no person shall buy or sell any article at auction in any part of Chatham Square in the City of New York under the penalty of Dollars for each offence

(Signed) James Hall
S. Cowdrey
Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen
W^m Thorn
Asa Mann
Henry Mead

A Petition of Gilbert Lewis for permission to Sell at Auction in Chatham Square was read.

Whereupon the Law proposed by the Committee was passed

His Honor the Mayor Stated that he had received from Mr Thomas Eddy of this City which he requested might be presented in his behalf to the Corporation "The Fourth annual Report of London Society for the Improvement of Prison Discipline & also a Pamphlet Entitled a Description of the Tread Mill with Observations on its Management" The Mayor added that this Gift of Mr Eddy was accompanied by some very judicious Observations of [56] Mr Eddy on the Subject of the Employment of Convicts on the tread Mill and in which he suggested regulations well worthy the attention of the Common Council Whereupon the Subject was referred to the following Committee with authority to print the Observations of Mr Eddy and also such other parts of the Report of the London Society as they should judge contained information useful on that important Subject The Committee were Ald King Hall Mr Cowdrey.

The Communication of the Mayor made to the Board at their last regular meeting which was directed to be printed for the use of the members was called up & read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature The Communication was as follows.

In Common Council Sept^r 29^th 1823.

His Honour the Mayor presented the following Communication which was directed to be printed for the use of the Members; and also that part of his communication of the last Year which relates to the appointment of a General Collector.

The Mayor has deemed it his duty to lay before the Common Council from time to time, such matters of Public Character, as he may consider of sufficient importance to claim their Attention And at the Same time briefly to State his reasons why they ought to [57] be adopted. Most of the Subjects treated of in this Communication are perfectly familiar to the members of the present board as under their direction application was made to the last Legislature for necessary authority to carry them into Effect. but owing to the lateness of the date on which they were matured or from some other Cause the representatives from this County to the Legislature did not give them that unanimous and cordial Support, necessary to the Success of the Application; and they were therefore omitted to be brought under the consideration of the Legislature further than to give them a reference to the members from this City. A Principal Object in bringing these Subjects before the Common Council at this Early date is, that the Committee to whom they Shall be referred, may have an opportunity of ascertaining the views and opinions of the Gentlemen who may be elected to Represent this County in the next Legislature as to the Utility and necessity of the proposed measures; for should the delegates be opposed to the application and deem them uncalled for by the public Exigency it will be useless to apply.

The first Subject to which the attention of the Board is requested, is the application for an Act, to lay a duty on Strong and Spirituous liquors and to regulate Inns and taverns.

The Injurious Effects produced by the inordinate use of Spirituous liquors are so generally acknowledged that no reasoning appears necessary to Establish the fact. It is the base upon [58] which the Pauperism of this Country is built; for there [are] but few cases of real poverty to be found that cannot be traced to the inordinate use of Ardent Spirits. If there be any who doubt, let them go through our Alms House and inquire what it was that brought Poverty upon the family the wretched remains of which are compelled to depend upon public Charity for Support. Or let them make the Same Inquiry of those stretched on a bed of Sickness in our hospitals, or who are incapacitated by disease to perform manual labour, and it will be found, that Nine cases out of ten were the product of Intemperance. And if conviction is not the result let them visit our Penitentiary and Bridewell and inquire of the Convicted felons and vagrants whether the first Inducements to crime and vagrancy was not Suggested if not Committed while inebriated by the intoxicating Beverage. It has been ascertained that Eight or Nine thousand persons are relieved by the

Commissioners of the Alms House during the winter months as out Door Poor. Comprising between two & three thousand families. A Large Proportion of those relieved are women and Children who as we have Every reason to believe would not require the public bounty, was the head of the family Sober and industrious; but the cheapness and facility with which the intoxicating draught may be obtained at the immense number of Shops in every part of our City [59] hold out inducements to its use, and is productive of Consequences that ought to be deprecated by every individual who has the good of our City at heart. If we consult the opinion of those either in foreign countries or in our own who have thought on the subject we shall find them all agreeing in this particular that it is the duty of Governments to use every means to Suppress tippling houses and the Evils resulting from their Establishment. It was observed by a writer of much Celebrity. "That in the towns and Counties he had seen he never Saw a City or " Village Yet, whose misery was not in proportion to its public houses. " In Rotterdam you may go through Eight or ten Streets without finding a public house In Antwerp almost Every Second house Seems " a Public house. In the One City All wears the appearance of happiness and warm influence; in the other Idleness and Pauperism are " predominant. These houses are ever an *an* occasion of Debauchery " and Excess; and either in a Political or religious light it would be " our highest Interest to have the greater part of them Suppressed."

And Professor Griscom in his late work of A Year in Europe observes that " he dined in Company with a Clergyman of the town of Redwith in England A Sensible man and a philanthrophist, who in conversation ascribed much of the depravity of the lower orders of the people in the West of England to the habit of Drinking. That in that town there were thirteen tippling houses, which [60] he considered as truly Enormous. Yet I could have informed him (observes the Professor) that they might have had fifty or Sixty of those houses without exceeding the number in proportion to their population which is known to exist at the present time in New York."

In most of our Sister Cities the tavern keeper is a distinct calling from the Grocer and unless he is able to furnish his house with the necessary beds and bedding for the accommodation of travellers or boarders, he is not permitted to receive a license; and the Sum charged for the priviledge in some Cities is in proportion to the rent of the house he occupies, and in others varies in amount from Sixteen to Sixty dollars. Tippling Shops are therefore unknown and the
of houses where liquor may be obtained to be drank on the

are very few when compared with this City where every person who can raise ten dollars for his licenses and as much more as will purchase a few gallons of liquor is enabled to Establish what is usually termed a grocery.

That there are many respectable Citizens who take License to Sell liquor to be drank in the house is freely admitted but is presumed that could a measure be adopted, that would Separate the tavern keeper from the Grocer they would cheerfully acquiesce in it, as it [61] would relieve them from a disagreeable part of their business, only resorted to in Self defence, in order to enjoy the Same advantages that others in their Neighbourhood Enjoy. It is not contended however that the habits and Priviledges of any class of individuals which they have enjoyed for a series of years Should be abrogated at once although we may be perfectly Sensible of the Evils flowing from such habits and Priviledges but is contended when those habits and Priviledges are the Source and cause of a large expenditure of Public money for the Support of Persons who by the enjoyment of these injurious habits are thrown upon the Public for Support that a portion of the Expence thus incurred should be drawn from the Sale of the article which is the Chief Cause of it. And although the use of the Article can neither be prohibited or prevented altogether it may nevertheless be lessened by an increase of the price for the license which would at the time tend to reduce the number of places at which it is to be obtained.

The Experience of the present Year in the issue of the tavern licenses strengthens the belief that if the price of a license was increased to an *an* amount equal to that Charged in other States the number of Shops for the retail of Spirituous liquors would be greatly diminished for it was observed that several of the persons who applied and who had been doing business the last year [62] under the one license only, when they were informed that they could not have the tavern license unless they also took out the Excise they declined taking out Either and preferred giving up the business.

The bill transmitted to the Legislature at their last session, adopted for its basis the aforesaid principle and it was believed that the reasonableness of the requirement would insure its passage into a Law, but without any cause being assigned it was not acted upon by that honorable body.

The next Subject for Consideration is the necessity of obtaining an act so framed as to prevent the improper introduction of Alien passengers into this City.

This is a Subject of much importance and if a remedy can be provided for the evils we are suffering from the introduction of foreign Paupers *from the british paupers* from the British Provinces in North America through the Cupidity of the Masters of coasting Vessels nothing ought to be omitted to effect the Object.

In order that the Board may have some idea of the impositions practised upon us the following occurrences in relation to this Subject during the last three months are Submitted.

On the 26th of June I was furnished with a letter directed to the Collector of this Port, from Caleb Brewster, Inspector of the Port of Fairfield, stating that the Schooner Loire Captain Isaac [63] Bassett who had cleared from St Johns for New York, appeared off the harhour of Black Rock about 60 miles from this City and landed 35 Alien Passengers lately from Ireland without Entering or reporting at the Custom house at Fairfield. That the whole of these Passengers proceeded by Land to the City of New York. Mr Brewster further States that the Loire was the fourth vessel that had landed Irish Passengers at that place during the Spring and that more might be expected. I was at the time furnished with a list of Passengers landed from the Schooner Penobscot Packet Captain Isaac Staples amounting to 48 in number; they had been regularly entered at Fairfield but proceeded by land to this City. The Captain of the Loire on his arrival at this Port was cited to appear at the Mayors office, and there being doubts whether a Suit against him would Succeed. It was concluded to accept his Individual bond; to indemnify the City against any charge which might accrue for the Maintenance of Persons landed from his vessel.

On the 30th of June, I was called upon by Abijah Hammond Esq^r and informed that about 30 Irish Aliens had landed that morning in a destitute State, in front of his house at Throgs neck; that to relieve their immediate wants, he furnished them with Provisions; that they had informed him they were from St Johns N. B.; And had taken passage on board the Schooner Penobscot Packet for New York but, arriving *of* [at] Saybrook the Captain told them they were within five miles [64] of the City, that he would carry them no further and therefore forced them to land that they agreed with the master of a Small Sloop at that place to bring them to the City at One dollar per head and that upon coming opposite Throgs neck, they were told that New York was near at hand and that they must walk to the City. They were accordingly landed without being able to Ascertain the name of the Captain or vessel that brought them down. These facts wer wards Substantiated by the Oaths of two of the Passengers by the name of Moffit.

On the first of July in the morning, I was called upon by Mr Peter Stuyvesant who Stated that a number of Persons had taken possession of an Empty house belonging to him in the Ninth ward. An Officer was accordingly dispatched to ascertain who they were and where from. It appeared however that they were the same persons who had landed at Throgs neck; one of whom came to the Office and reported Sixteen persons belonging to his Company. They all confirmed the Statement as to their agreement with Captain Staples to bring them to the City of New York &c but none of them could give the name of the Captain or vessel that had landed them at Throgs neck.

The Master of the Penobscot Packet not having Reported the Passengers still on board of his vessel amounting to four or five it was determined if practicable to give bond [65] for the whole of those he had landed at Saybrook Evidently with the intent of their proceeding on to this City The report he made contained the names of Four persons three of whom claimed to be Citizens of the United States and one alien. He was informed that we were apprised of his Conduct in attempting to evade the laws of this State by landing a number of Aliens at Say brook with the intent of their proceeding on to this City by land. and that he must give the necessary bonds for the whole of them. This he refused Stating that he had no Consignee to enter into bonds with him and that he did not Consider himself bound to give Security as he had landed the persons alluded to out of this State: but he offered to commute for the alien whom he had landed here. Two writs was accordingly issued, one for the penalty in landing the 48 persons at Saybrook, and the other for landing one alien in this City before he had executed the bond required by the Statute of this State. These writs were answered, by citing us before the first Judge, to show cause of action. On the hearing, it was decided that we had no cause of action for the landing at Saybrook but that an action would lie for not bonding the Alien landed here, and thus the matter rests.

On the 12th of July, two persons called at the Mayors office, and stated that they were in want of relief, that they had arrived at Lubec in Nova Scotia Some time in June last from Ireland, and that they took passage for New York in the Schooner Hunter [66] Captain Sears; that the vessel stopped at Black Rock and there they were put on board a Small Sloop, the name of the Captain and vessel unknown, who landed them together with a number of others on the 4th of July last in New York.

In the month of August, two communications were addressed to the Mayor the first Stating that a vessel named the Clide was then in the Sound with Eighty or Ninety Irish Passengers on board, and that a Sloop was receiving them with intent to land them in the County of Westchester or on Long Island The Second dated at St Johns, August the 12th Stated that a British vessell called the Susan Morton Commanded by Jones Sutton had landed at Black Rock two cargoes of Aliens amounting to Seventy five persons; and that he was to Sail on the Saturday following with forty more to be landed at the Same place; and that he means to continue this business as our laws permits aliens to be landed at any place that is more than fifty miles from the City.

By these unfair means an influx of this description of persons are thrown upon us few of whom are recognised until they Call for assistance at the Alms House and this is a frequent occurrence as Several persons brought by the vessels alluded to are now within its walls; [67] and unless Some method can be adopted to prevent their introduction or to cause those who bring them to the United States to become liable for any charge upon the County for their maintenance the burthen upon our Citizens particularly under the present State of Europe will be much increased and the City filled with a population by no means calculated to add to its prosperity.

The Remedy proposed if it can be legally & constitutionally Enforced is to obtain an act of the Legislature making it a misdemeanour and highly penal to land any alien in any part of the United States, with the intent of such Alien *in any part of the United States with the intent of such alien* proceeding to the City of New York, without furnishing the necessary Security that *Alien* Such Alien Shall not become Chargeable for a time to be limited.

This Plan is submitted to the Board with great deference, and with the hope that the advice of Able Counsel will be had, as to the best means to be adopted in a matter of so much importance to the interests of the City

The next Subject to which the attention of the Board is requested, is the Hackney coaches.

The insults improprieties & impositions practised upon our Citizens & others by the drivers of these Vehicles, are numerous & aggravating. And to correct them requires the Constant attention of the proper authority The ordinance on this Subject is susceptible of such improvement. By designating [68] in the License, the Stand to be used on all occasions by the Coach much confusion would be avoided at the principal stand at the Park.

Proper Stands ought to be pointed out, and the number allowed to each determined So that no coach should stand waiting for Employ except at the place designated by the License. The number of Coaches licensed for the present year is 93. This number if judiciously distributed in separate stands throughout the City may not be too great for the accommodation of the Citizens; but under the present arrangement, which permits them to locate on any of the Stands designated by the Ordinance, the inhabitants of a large portion of the City are deprived of the Conveniences intended to be afforded them by the Establishment and the difficulty of preserving order & decorum among them is increased

The Present Price as established by Law for the Priviledge of running a Hackney Coach in this City is deemed to be too low

This Price was fixed by the Legislature when the population and wealth of the City was much less than at present and the Employment for these vehicles was Small in Proportion. The business has Since increased in the Same ratio with the Population and Wealth, and it is but reasonable therefore that the Price of the Priviledge should also be increased.

An Increase of Price will tend to [69] prevent improper and irresponsible persons from engaging in the business and many of the abuses to which Our Citizens are subject would by that means be avoided

The Trouble and Perplexity occasioned to the Authorities of the City the increase of business and income to the Owners and the injury to the Public Streets by the Hackney Coaches together with the Effect it would have upon their government and members, are urged as reasons why the price of a license ought to be raised

The Attention of the Board is again called to the propriety of applying for an Act authorising the Corporation to regulate the performance of Theatrical amusements, shows and other musical Exhibitions by a License.

Perhaps no better argument need be used in Support of the measure than to quote the Examples of other Governments in its favour

It is believed that in Every City of note either in Europe or our own Country, these Exhibitions are controlled by the Magistracy, and are not permitted to perform except specially licensed for the purpose.

In Boston, Baltimore, and Charleston and some other Cities of the United States. no performance is permitted except a license is first granted, and a Stipulated sum paid into the City treasury for the priviledge.

The object of this measure is not merely the revenue derived to the City but the beneficial results to Society by the Controlling power given to the Magistracy, in checking the Establishment of [70] improper and Disorderly places while the Orderly and well conducted are allowed to proceed without hindrance. Theatres Shows. Public Gardens. and Exhibitions of various kinds and descriptions, have increased in this City of late to a number far beyond what their warmest advocates will contend to be useful and necessary, and hence, their proprietors are led to hold out every inducement of fascinating novelty (be its tendency ever so injurious) together with a large reduction in the price of admittance in order to gain Auditors & Support to their respective Establishments. The Consequences in many instances are that the more useful pursuits of the Young are neglected for these Amusements an unnecessary expenditure of time and Money is incurred and the baneful habit of late hours at night and neglect of business in the morning is the Inevitable Result.

It has been contended by some that these Exhibitions are Schools of Elocution & Refinement calculated to improve the morals and enlighten the understanding of those who attend them and that they afford innocent amusement to many who might otherwise be drawn to worse pursuits. But can it be said that all the minor theatres in this City the Circusses & Public Gardens the places for exhibiting Slight of hand and Legerdemain tricks or rope & wire dancing &c are calculated to improve the morals or enlighten the understanding? it is presumed not. And Even if we admit whatever [71] can be said in favour of Theatrical Exhibitions it by no means furnishes an argument against the propriety of granting the authority contended for to wit. That the Magistracy of the City Shall have power to Control improper and immoral Exhibitions; and that our Citizens shall not be compelled to resort to the tardy remedies of the Common law to correct the Evils so frequently resulting from these Performances.

That there is a great disparity, both in the Character of the Managers and the tendency of the Exhibitions produced at the Several places of Amusement in this City must be admitted for while the utmost pains are taken to prevent all manner of disorder by some others are a disgrace to our City and a reproach upon its government. It is to Correct these Evils naturally growing out of the former and to Suppress Establishments of the latter description that the authority to license is required.

The Objections brought against this measure as well as that for increasing the price of a license to Hackney Coaches by those immediately interested appear to be founded solely upon the Supposition that the Corporation intend to charge the Maximum price designated in the Bills prepared on these Subjects. This is a very erroneous opinion and ought not to have been entertained for a moment either by the persons who memorialised against the Measure or by the Delegates from this City.

The Object was to fix the maximum at such a Sum as to do away the necessity of frequent applications to the Legislature should future [72] circumstances render it proper to increase the price of a license and not to demand for the priviledge a larger amount than Sound discretion would at all times warrant.

The managers of the Park Theatre in their memorial to the Legislature do not attempt to controvert the utility of the measures further than to Show that an Assessment of the Maximum Sum for each performance would amount to a prohibition of their Establishment. The following is Extracted from their memorial.

" If it was intended to secure the City against irregular occasional irresponsible and immoral Conductors of theatrical Exhibitions an annual tax payable previous to the Commencement thereof would, in the opinion of Your Memorialists be much more expedient "

The fair inference from this is that an annual sum to be paid previous to the Commencement of the Exhibition, would tend to Secure the City from the Evils arising from irresponsible and immoral performances; and that there would therfore be no objection to the measure, were this plan to be adopted instead of the one proposed of demanding a Specific Sum for each performance. The Bill transmitted to the Legislature was drawn in Conformity with the Plan pursued by the City of Baltimore but if the Same object can be obtained by adopting the principle suggested in the memorial and it is presumed it may there [73] can be no objection that the Act should authorise the Corporation to demand for a license not Exceeding dollars annually; with the Power to revoke such license whenever any mal practice of the licensed may make it necessary

The next Subject to which it has been deemed necessary to call the attention of the Board is the inconvenience experienced by the operation of the late law for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes. By this Act the Assessors are permitted to commence their Assessment at any time between the first day of May and the first day of July in any Year and to Complete them by the first day of Aug^{t} After Which twenty days is allowed for the books to remain open to be examined by those who choose to inspect them and who may conceive themselves aggrieved; and the Books may remain in the hands of the Assessors until the first day of September; thus allowing the Assessors four months to Complete which the former law only allowed Seventy days.

By the present Law the annual meeting of the Supervisors is to take place on the first tuesday in October in every year and the Assessment Rolls, when Completed are to be delivered to the Collectors on or before the 15th day of November; allowing but thirty nine days to Estimate the tax to be paid by the Inhabitants of the whole ten wards of this City comprising a greater number of items than will be found in the Assessment rolls of any three Counties of this State.

[74] This Duty in the Opinion of the Comptroller cannot be performed with that degree of Accuracy necessary in such matters in a Less period than Sixty days.

The Act also provides, that the Warrants delivered to the Collectors by the Supervisors shall direct them to pay the money by them Collected to the County treasurer, on or before the first day of February then next ensuing; allowing the Collector Seventy Seven days to perform the duty which has in no instance been performed in this County Short of Seven or Eight months.

The Provisions of this Act are in many respects embarrassing in their operations and difficult to be understood.

The tax upon incorporated companies apart from its injustice in principle will be the cause of much embarassment in its Execution. The Construction given the Act by the Companies Established in this City is that they are authorised to select either to pay the amount of the State & County tax that may be assessed upon the Capital of the Company actually paid or secured to be paid, or they may pay a commutation for such tax of ten per Cent upon their Earnings calculated from the date of the passage of the Law to the day on which they shall make the Election. By this Construction more than half the property vested in these institutions will be exempt. [75] for the present Year at least from taxation and a large proportion of the defici must be levied upon the real estate within this County.

The Amount of tax collected from incorporated Companies, in th first instance must be paid to the treasurer of the State who is direct after deducting the State tax of ten Cents on the hundred dollars

Credit the Several counties with such Sum, as they shall be entitled to in proportion to the aggregate amount of Stock owned by persons who reside in the Counties respectively and to Enable him to perform this duty the Companies are directed to furnish him with a list of the Stock holders and a designation of the place of residence of each of them.

The operation of this provision will be that the tax upon the Stock of the City Institutions held by persons residing in other Counties which tax including the State tax if upon the amount of the Capital will not be far from Sixty Cents upon Every hundred dollars must be paid to the treasurer of the County where the owner resides Except the ten Cents upon Every hundred dollars levied for State purposes; And as the County tax in some parts of the State will not Exceed ten Cents on every hundred dollars they will receive from the Earnings of this City an amount exceeding their Ordinary Expenses of forty Cents on every hundred dollars on the Capital so held While the City will receive on the Stock of the Companies located in the Country towns and held by residents here forty Cents less on the hundred dollars than the required amount to pay the Ordinary Expenses [76] There is besides no provision in the Act, for the tax on that portion of the Stock of our local Incorporations held by residents of other States or foreign Countries; and it is presumed therefore that the treasurer will deem it to be his duty to place the Amount of the tax on this description of Stock to the Credit of the State.

The injustice of this measure however must be apparent. as the whole protection of this Species of property is at the expense of the City; for what would be its value if the City was neither lighted nor watched if our Police or Criminal Courts were not Supported and if we had no Penitentiary or Bridewell for the punishment of those who depredate it. It is for these objects mainly that Assessments are made and taxes levied and it is but Even handed justice that all the property protected Should pay a fair proportion of the Expense of such protection.

The Amount of taxes annually raised in this City are designated by act of the Legislature at a Specific Sum; but by the Act under consideration which Contains provisions so difficult in their operation it is by no means plain how the Supervisors are to regulate their calculations so as to raise the exact sum authorised for the County taxes in the various parts of this State are So dissimilar in amount and the Stocks of the Incorporations so diffused that no exact calculation it is apprehended can be made of [77] what amount will be received from other Counties or withdrawn from this.

There has been some diversity of opinion on the Subject whether the Act intended to include the Savings Bank established in this City and also the Branch of the United States bank, but it has been finally concluded that the law did not authorise the taxing of these institutions in their Corporate Capacity and the Consequence will be that a good propertion of this Species of property will escape taxation.

There has also been a Construction given to that part of the Act which declares that no personal property belonging to any minister or Priest, of any denomination nor any real estate belonging to such minister or priest if occupied by him provided such real & personal estate does not exceed in value one thousand five hundred dollars shall be liable to taxation within this State, that has placed the Clergy of our City in a situation very different from what they were under the former law; for it is now contended that if the aggregate of Property held by these persons shall Exceed the Sum of one thousand five hundred dollars no part of their property can be exempted from taxation under this Act.

These incongruities of the Law are Submitted with great deference to the Consideration of the Common Council in the hope that they may suggest such Amendments as will prove beneficial to the City; but as the operation of many of the provisions of this Act are [78] calculated to draw money from the City for State Purposes to attempt their correction if the next Legislature entertain the Same views as their predecessors appears to be useless. It is submitted however whether an Act might not be obtained So far varying the Provisions of the general law as to make Such apportionment of the time allowed the Assessors Supervisors and Collectors in which to perform their duty that Shall give to Each his due proportion and do away the inconvenient operation of the present law in that particular as it respects this City.

The following plan as a brief Outline of a Law on this subject is proposed.

That the Assessors shall in every year on the first day of May proceed to make their Assessment and shall complete the Same on or before the fifteenth day of June thereafter when they shall cause notice to be given, that Such Assessments may be seen for fifteen days, at the Expiration of which period they shall Sign the Assessment roll and deliver the Same on or before the 10th day of July, to the City Comptroller who Shall deliver it to the Supervisors at their next thereafter. This will allow the Assessors Seventy days for formance of the duties enjoined upon them which it is believed is a Sufficient time in which to Complete all that the Law requires.

That the Supervisors of the City shall meet [79] on the first Tuesday of August in every Year & at such other times as they shall deem necess^y and Shall Examine the Assessment Rolls of the Several Wards. and when the Same shall have been corrected and prepared they shall cause them to be delivered to the Collectors of the Respective [wards] on or before the first day of October in every year with warrants annexed directing and requiring them to pay the monies by them Collected to the treasurer of the County on or before the 2nd monday in May thereafter. This will allow the Comptroller Fifty five days in which to complete the Estimates of the tax upon the Several Assessments, and the Collectors seven months and a half in which to make their Collections.

Several of our Merchants who are extensively engaged in Commerce have expressed much dissattisfaction at the operation of some of the Provisions of the Health Law

The Strongest objections are brought against the provisions of the third Section of the Act. This Section Provides that Every vessell ariving from any port in the West Indies in America South of St. Marys and North of the Equator or from any port in Africa or the islands near the same between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of October in any year shall not approach during the aforesaid period within three hundred yards of the City Nor shall any part of the Cargo of such vessel be brought into the City until the Same shall be inspected [80] and the Inspector shall be paid by the owner of such Cargo the sum of three dollars for every cargo by him inspected.

It is contended by those interested that many of the ports included in the range taken by the law are at all times perfectly healthy and that others are occasionally, or very rarely visited by sickness and that it is therefore a great hardship upon the owners of vessels coming from healthy ports with a healthy crew to be excluded from the City. That it is ruinous to those in particular who have a regular line of vessels to and from those ports and that the Law ought to be amended as to give the Board of Health or the Mayor and Commissioners a discretionary power to permit vessels from healthy ports and who have neither had death or sickness on board of them during the voyage to come to the Wharves after they shall have discharged their cargoes and undergone the necessary cleansing & ventilating

Another Source of Complaint has arisen from the necessity imposed by the Act to have the Cargoes of all Vessels inspected be it of whatever description it may before it can be landed in the City.

There is certainly good reason for this Complaint as the object to be answered by the inspection is to prevent or guard against the introduction of damaged or unsound Articles that may be prejudicial [81] to the health of the Inhabitants and not articles in no wise susceptible of Damage or liable to convey contagion Such as Dye wood mahogany cedar logs Salt &c.

As a sample of the Cargoes of many of the Vessels that have arrived from the West Indies & other Ports Subject to Inspection the following have been Selected indiscriminately

1st A Vessel from Barbadoes with Hides Horns & Cedar logs the hides & horns discharged at Quarantine.

2nd A Vessel from Gibara in South America with Dye woods Cedar logs tobacco and hides the hides landed at Quarantine.

3d A Vessel from the Spanish Main with Dyewood turtle Shell Old Copper and Cotton The Cotton landed at Quarantine.

4th A Vessel from Carracoa with Dye wood & Salt only.

5th A Vessel from Kingston Jamaica with Dye wood and Specie only

The articles to be inspected therefore was Cedar logs, dye wood, Turtle Shell, Old Copper, Salt Specie & Tobacco. none of which it is presumed are calculated to convey infection and most of them not Susceptible of Damage.

This is a Subject that ought to be approached with great Caution for although it is our duty as well as interest to foster and Protect the Commercial Interests of this City and to be careful that none of the facilities enjoyed by our Merchants should be unecessarily infringed we have still a higher duty to perform to wit the preservation of the health of the [82] inhabitants of this great and growing Metropolis It is therefore with much diffidence that the following amendments of the Law are suggested.

That the Board or the Mayor and Commissioners shall be clothed with discretionary Power to permit vessels from healthy Ports with Healthy Crews after their having been discharged in the Stream and properly cleansed and ventilated under the Inspection of an officer to come to any wharf east of Rutgers Street on the East River or north of Hubert Street on the North river between the 1st day of June and October in any year. And if the Mayor and Commissioners where also authorised to designate the Cargoes that Shall be inspected before they are permitted to be landed in the City a considerable expense would be saved to the owner and the end of the Law in every respect answered. These amendments it is presumed would meet the expectations of those who conceive themselves to be injured; and by a firm & judicious exersise of the discretionary power it is not apprehended that any danger from the privilege would Ensue

Submitted by the
Mayor.

Extract from the Mayors communication of January 1823. respecting a general Collector

The subject of Collecting the taxes is also again brought to the Consideration of the [83] common Council. The method now in practice not only Costs the public three times the Sum absolutely necessary for the performance of the duty but tends to delay the Collections to an extent injurious to the Public interest.

The Amount received by the Collectors in the Aggregate is $12702:10. This Sum when divided among ten persons may not appear too large for the Services *the services* they respectively render; but if the Same Services can be performed by one person with the Assistance of One or two Clerks perhaps one third of the amount will be sufficient, at least it is believed that the taxes may be collected upon the plan pursued by the United States in the Collection of the late direct tax for a sum not exceeding $5000 per annum.

There are other Evils resulting from the present method besides the heavy expense at which the Collections are effected. The Collectors receive the tax Books about the first day of October and agreably to Law they ought to make a final return to the City treasurer on or before the first day of February thereafter but the practice of the Supervisors is to extend the time by the warrants of the Collectors to the Second Monday in May that being the expiration of the term for which they are elected the returns however are seldom made before June and are sometimes extended to August by which they employ eight or nine months in Completing the Collection when the Law contemplates that it Should be done in four

The Payers of taxes aware that the returns [84] of the Collectors are not made until June Embrace this as a good reason for omitting the payment until the approach of this period by which they enjoy the use of this money for several months to the injury of the public and to the injustice of those who pay on being called on. The Result is that a large portion of the taxes are withheld from the public use for an unreasonable length of time, and are not paid into the treasury until nearly a year has elapsed after they were assessed.

The following plan is submitted as a Substitute for that now pursued

1st That a Collector be appointed by the Common Council whose office shall be kept in the City Hall, and that he be allowed one Clerk and a Messenger as Assistants

2nd That on the books of the Assessors being Confirmed by the Supervisors they shall [be] immediately handed over to the Collector who shall thereupon issue the necessary public notice to the Citizens.

3d That every person who shall pay his tax on or before a Certain day be fixed shall not be subject to any additional Charge but all who neglect to pay on or before said day shall pay ten per cent in addition, if paid within a second period to be fixed but if they neglect to pay until after the Expiration of this Second period they shall pay in addition twenty per cent and legal measures shall be resorted to for the recovery of the taxes thus in arrears.

[85] The Report of the Street Committee on the Subject of widening Pike Street was called up and was in the words following.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of a respectable number of the Owners of property in the Seventh ward remonstrating against the widening of Pike Street to the full width as Ceded by the Rutgers family to wit. 60 ft And praying that it may be widened to 50 ft. only by taking ten feet as ceded on the Westerly Side of the Street

Report.

That, they have had the Subject under their deliberate Consideration and are of the opinion that a Street of fifty feet in width is as much as is required in that part of the City that by taking ten feet (as ceded aforesaid) on the Westerly Side the expence will be but trifling as there are but few buildings held in fee by Individuals on that side which will be required to be paid for whereas by taking from the property on the East side ten feet the Expences will be very considerable as there are a number of Buildings (and Some of them valuable) that will be required to be paid for.

From the foregoing reasons and Considerations your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that Pike street be widened fifty feet by taking ten feet on the grounds and buildings on the Westerly Side thereof from Division street to Cherry Street

[86] Resolved that so much of the Ground on the Easterly Side of Pike Street as has been Ceded by the Rutgers family to make that Street Sixty feet wide from Division to Lawrence Street be

to them and that the Attorney to this Corporation carry these resolutions into Effect.

(Signed) Asa Mann
David Marsh
William H Ireland
Samuel St John.

The Opinion of the Attorney was also called up & read in the words following

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the question of opening Pike Street to a less width than that Specified in the deed of Cession of parts of Certain lots on that Street owned by the Rutgers family

Respectfully Reports.

That by the Deed of Cession the grantors voluntarily appropriated ten feet of the Lots owned by them on each side of Pike Street to the widening of the Same to 60 feet reserving the right of possession of the whole of the property ceded then under lease until the expiration of the leases, by the acceptance of this deed the property ceded on both sides of the Street has or will on the Expiration of the leases become part thereof. And the Street or any part thereof cannot be Closed; but in pursuance of the Statute by which [87] the parties injured will be compensated On the Other hand the Street cannot be widened but by pursuing the provisions of the Statute and applying for commissioners because the property ceded is but part of that required on either side of the Street to widen the Same—There is in the deed of Cession no covenant agreement or condition as to the time of widening the Streets therein mentioned nor any legal obstacle to the Corporation's applying for Commissioners to widen Such Streets on both Sides or either Side from time to time as the public convenience or health may require The deed of Cession is the Act of the Grantors by which they have appropriated their property to a particular purpose but there is no legal obligation on the Corporation Compelling them to open the Streets at any particular time or at all unless they shall deem the public health or Convenience to require Such improvement The Streets may be Suffered to remain as they now are or they may be opened partly or wholly as the health or convenience of that part of the City may point out.

If then the Common Council agree in opinion with the Street Committee and the Petitioners for the improvement in question that the Public Convenience at this time only requires the widening of the

Westerly side of Pike Street ten feet the Subscriber can see no legal impediment growing out of the deed of Cession under [88] consideration to carrying such improvement into Effect. But the ten feet on the other Side of the Street cannot be reconveyed. It belongs to the Public as part of the Street whenever opened and as it now is,

The Remonstrance of Col. Rutgers & others against the proposed improvement insists however that good faith and justice require that the Street should not at any time be opened to a less width than 60 feet and that Such was manifestly the intention of the deed of Cession and that they have accordingly leased Lots on both sides of Pike Street at 60 feet Whether the reasons stated in the remonstrance ought not to influence the decision of the Common Council is for them to determine the Subscriber has merely given his opinion upon the legal effect of the deed of Cession

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer.

Ald Mann then presented the following resolution as a Substitute for that proposed by the Committee

Resolved that it is desirable for the Public Convenience to widen Pike Street on the Westerly side thereof in the 7th Ward of the City of New York by taking 10 feet of the grounds and buildings from Division Street to Cherry Street on the Said Westerly Side of Pike Street and that the Same is hereby ordered and directed to be [89] done and that the Counsel of this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in the premises in order that the Same may be carried into Effect according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

After Considerable discussion the question was taken in agreeing to the Resolution proposed by Ald Mann when it passed in the negative

The Ayes & Noes having been called by Ald Taylor the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff King Hall Zabriskie McQueen Taylor Dyckman Mead Mr Bolton St John Ireland Parker Thorn Doughty. 15

Affirmative Ald Mann Mr Cowdrey Marsh 3

The Committee on the Revision of the Laws recommended the ReConsideration of the Law regulating the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves & on the Slips which was agreed to and the Same was amended and approved *and amended*

Mr Hall presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to attend to the necessary arrangements for Superintending the Drawing of the Lottery to take place on the 15th instant,

[90] The Board agreably to Law proceeded to the appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Annual Election when the following persons were appointed.

1st Ward
John L Lawrence
Henry Cotheal
Garrit Storm

2nd Ward
John Sutphen
John Leonard
Abraham Cargill

3d Ward
John J Labagh
Benjamin Stephens
Anthony Chapple

4th Ward
John P Anthony
Joshua Hyatt.
John Robbins

5th Ward
Gideon Tucker
Benjamin Strong
John B Schmelzel

6th Ward
Richard L Walker
Alexander M Muir
Nicolas C Everett.

7th Ward
David Lyon
Abraham Dalley
John P Allaire

8th Ward
Samuel M Thompson
David S Jones
James Votey

9th Ward
Peter Meyer
Thomas Miller
Effingham Schiefflin

10th Ward
Thomas Hyatt
Elijah Whipple
James Palmer

The Comptroller Reported as follows

Balance as per act 29th Septr	$311.11
Received for Streets	3278.
" Justices Courts	953.42
" Tax 1822 9th Ward	400.
" Forfeitures of Flour	700.
" Fines &c of Attorney	186.46
	5828.99

[91] 28 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d	645.75
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 inst	375.
George B Smith Assist Street Comr 1 Qr 15 inst	337.50
Ogden Edwards late Counsel 27th feb. to 27 ap	66.67
O Edwards do taxed Costs & other Charges	313.37
J Morton Clk Index & Expenses paid	74.12
Asel Concklin 10 days Sunday Services	15.

R Smith Clerk Washington Market 1 mo	63.50
J Bremner do Catharine " "	56.
P Ammerman do 6 Markets " "	49.50
George DurYea Franklin do "	37.50
George DurYea Fulton do "	19.45
Thomas Franklin Chief Eng^{r} for Wood Engine houses	101.
S Fargay act reg^{s} & pav^{s} Washington fr Carlisle to Beaver lane	500.
J Culbert D^{o} do Charlton fr Greene to Bulkhead	405.98
C Mooney pav^{s} Side Walks in Hudson bet Beach & Spring	228.10
H Smith act pav^{s} Dey st fr Washington to West st	150.
J Meghan Act reg^{s} & pav^{s} Collect st fr Anthony to Sewer	100.
C Mooney bal reg^{s} & pav^{s} Mercer St. fr Howard to Prince	69.29
R Ayres 176 loads of Earth on Intersections	22.
Daniel Ewen Surveys 9 months to 1 Inst	162.21
Isaac T Ludlum do 6 mo " "	161.98
Thomas R Ludlum do 31st of May	128.35
E W Bridges do 9 mo	64.66
J Gallagher 1st paym^{t} Well in Lombardy n Scammel	93.10
R Pettigrew 1st payment Well Amos n Herring. st	69.75
	5769.28
Balance	$59.71

[92 blank.]

[93] Special Meeting In Common Council Oct^{r} 21st 1823.

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty

The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

His Honor the Mayor informs the Board that this meeting was called in consequence of the Resignation of several of the persons appointed to act as Inspectors of the Several Elections

The following Resignations of persons appointed as Inspectors were received and the persons hereinafter named appointed in their place

John J Lawrence	resigned	1 Ward	Edmund Smith	app^{d}
Garret Storm	do	1 Ward	John B Thorp	app^{d}
Benjamin Stephens	do	3^{d} ward	Henry E Ingraham	do
Samuel M Thompson	do	8 Ward	Cha^{s} Town	do

David S Jones resigned 8 Ward B P Melick app^d
John P Anthony do 4 Ward David Bryson do
[94] Joshua Hyatt do 4th Ward Jacob Vanderpool do

A Petition of Israel C Langdon & W^m B Astor for John J Astor was received Stating that a Well & Pump had been erected on the Corner of Hudson & King Street that the Water thereof had proved to be of a bad quality they therefore request that another Well may be sunk at their own cost in that neighbourhood & to place in it the Pump now Standing in the Well abovementioned which being read was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & St. Commissioner, with authority.

The Mayor laid before the Board a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the 17th instant in which they present the room appropriated to the use of the Marine Court for a Jury room as not of sufficient capacity & injurious to the health of the Jurors Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

The Committee from the Board of Health to whom was referred among other Subjects the Selection of a Scite for a Fever Hospital reported in part as follows

The Committee on the Fever Hospital appointed by the Board of Health to whom was referred among other Subjects that of Selecting a proper Site for the Establishment beg leave to report to the Common Council [95] in part as follows.

That they have after viewing the different grounds in the Vicinity of Bellevue made Choice of Sundry Lots belonging to Mrs Ann Rogers who has been treated with on the Subject of a purchase and after considerable negociation has named as her lowest price $300 per lot of 2500 Square feet She further agrees to Cede to the Corporation her half of the Several Street Surrounding the premises on Condition that the Common Council will regulate at their own expence the whole of 23^d Street from the first avenue to the river which by reference to the accompanying map will more fully Show Your Committee are of opinion that alth'o the price named for the Ground is very high Still from its particular location they would recommend the purchase they therefore beg leave to offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that the above Committee be authorised to purchase for account of this Board from Mrs Rogers the ground mentioned in the above report at a price not exceeding $300 per lot of 2500 Square feet and further to agree on the part of this Board to open and regulate

23^d St. from the first Avenue to the present high water mark on the River

Resolved that the Committee be authorised to Commence the improvement of the Ground preparatory to the Erection of the Fever Hospital.

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff,
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George Zabriskie
James Hall.

[96] Whereupon the Report was approved & the resolution adopted.

Mr Ireland presented the following Resolved that a Committee of be appointed to enquire whether any and if any what alteration ought to be made in the Compensation allowed to the Several Collectors of taxes & that they report their opinion thereon at the next meeting of the Board

Which was agreed to & the following appointed the Committee Viz^t

Mr Ireland, Aldⁿ Wyckoff, King, Cowdrey, Zabriskie, Parker, Mann, Taylor,. Doughty, Mead,

Board adjourned.

[97] In Common Council October 27th 1823.

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq^r Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistant
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St John
Elisha W King	W^m H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	William Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
	George S Doughty.

The Minutes of last regular meeting and of the Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial was presented from John G Leake Josep Newton & a Number of Inhabitants in vicinity of the lower end of Hubert Street and of the fort Called the North Battery praying that the Bridge to the said fort as it is not now used by the United States for military purposes may be converted to a Public Pier for the landing of wood

& other Articles was read and refered to the Committee of Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Stephen McCormick to be appointed to the Office of Keeper of the City Burial Ground was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Remonstrance against the Paving of Lewis st. [98] further than to 3^{d} Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Richard De Groot for the Office of Wood Inspector at Rutgers Slip was referred to the Com^{ee} on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition from Owners of Property in Bancker Street praying the Same may be widened from Pike to Pearl Street was referred to the Street Committee together with the Alderman & Assistant of the 4 & 7th wards.

A Petition of the Owners & inhabitants of Property in the 8th & 9th Wards contiguous to the improvement requested praying that 8th Street be opened from the 3^{d} to the 6th Avenue and the 5th Avenue opened to 13th Street was referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Letter was received from John Ogden Dey offering for Sale to the Corporation Vances Map of the Western Map of the State of New York agreeing that if the Corporation will take one for each member that he will furnish three Maps gratis for the Offices Whereupon it was refered to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to agree with Mr Dey According to the terms proposed & also to furnish to Each member of the Board with Eddy's Map of the State.

A Request was received from Judge Benson [99] Stating that a Friend was desirous of placing a Monumental Tablet to the Memory of the Late Justice Hobart in the Wall of the Chamber in the City Hall appropriated to the use of the Supreme Court & that permission was requested therefor Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee On Public Offices with authority to grant the Request.

A Request from the President & Directors of the Union Bank that Steps which they had Erected in Wall street opposite their Banking house may be permitted to remain they not knowing at the time they were put down that it contravened any ordinance of the Corporation & Stating further that the present Steps do not Extend So far in the Street as those which have been removed was read and referred to the Street Commitee

A Petition of Richard Varick & John J Glover for permission to pave at their own expence Houston Street from Thompson Street to Sullivan St. was granted to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Nicolas Low & Richard Varick for permission to pave Sullivan Street from Bleecker to Houston St was granted to be done under the direction of the Street Comissioner

A Petition of the Owners of the Boston despatch line of Packets requesting to refer to Arbitration the question of the legality of the Law [100] prohibiting their Vessels lying in Coenties Slip & that in the meantime the proceedings in the Suits for Penalties be suspended was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Owners of Lots in Reason Street praying that Street may be regulated &c from Herring St. through Gilberts Hill was read & referred to the Street Commee

A Petition that the Side Walks in Broome Street be paved from Varick Street to Thompson St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Mangam and Isaac Mangam for a Cartmans license were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition was received from Noah Brown for relief from a suit commenced against him on an Ordinance, for not filling in a lot accompanied by a Certificate from a number of the Neighbours that the same was no nuisance was read

The City Inspector also presented a Report on the Complaint of Nicolas De Longuemarre which had been referred to him Whereupon the petition of Noah Brown & the report of the City Inspector were referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Auctioneers of Chatham Square requesting an alteration in the [101] Law lately passed respecting Auctions in that Place was presented and read A Law Amending the Said Law was presented by Ald Hall After Some discussion it was referred to the Committee on that Subject Viz the Ald & Assistants of the 4th 6th 7th & 10th wards.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood of Rose Street for permission to Construct two Cisterns in front of the Friends meeting house in Rose street was referred to the Street Committee.

The following Resignations from Persons appointed Inspectors of the Ensuing Election were received and accepted & the persons herein After named were appointed in their place.

Charles Town resd 8th Ward James McCready appd
Peter Myers resd 9th ward Andrew McGowan appd
Thomas Hyatt Resd 10th do Joseph Pigott appd

The Chief Engineer reported that in february last George Sweeney was by mistake of the Secretary of the Company returned as a Member of Hose Company No 1. instead of Thomas Sweeney. & requesting the mistake may be corrected on the Minutes of the Common Council Whereupon the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to make the Correction required.

The following Persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

[102] Hook & Ladder

N° 2

Robert M Beatty Coach maker Chatham st. vice Edward Copeland res^d

Fire Engine

N° 3.

William Hancock Carpenter 27 Bridge st vice John Parker resigned

N° 7.

George Tremper Shoe maker 188 William St. vice Cornelius M Allen res^d

N° 13

Thomas Edwards Tailor 86 Cherry St. vice Peter Anderson resigned

N° 14

Philip Prim 47 Vesey St. vice Frederick Place resigned

N° 17

Thomas W Hannis Grocer Pike & Cherry st vice W^m G Silvey resigned

Bradley S St John Taylor 96 Cherry st vice Peter Williams resig^d

N° 19.

Abraham Shotwell Grocer 214 Elizabeth vice George Arenfits time out

Thomas Lauree Cartman 24 Spring vice George Jacobs resigned

James B Wall Grocer 24 Mott st vice Francis Marschalk res^d

John Steward, Whee[l]right, Ridge n Stanton vice James B Steward resigned

N° 21

James McBeath Book Binder 32 Orchard vice John O Walsh resigned

[103] Munson S Pest Clerk 280 Pearl st vice W^m Wendover resigned

Benjamin F Cheeseman Clerk 98 Gold vice Peter Wright Resigned

John Bingham Umbrellamaker 269 Pearl vice Israel Suydam resigned

N° 25

Charles Colgate tallow Chandler 26 Cath^{e} vice Oliver B Sickles resigned

N° 31.

Samuel W Hawley Carver 26 Thomas st vice Henry V Weeks resigned

N° 39

Bernard E Wenman Clerk Broadway & Liberty vice Joseph M Brown left City.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Assessors appointed Viz^{t}

For A Well & Pump in 13th Street near Broadway & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

Also for Paving West Street from Barclay to Vesey st & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for Pitching and Paving Lewis St from Delancy Street to 4th St & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

Also for Pitching & Paving Canal Street from Church to Sullivan St & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented Ordinances [104] for Correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances.

N°	1	T Jones	Occupant	93	Anthony St.	A Privy
	2	A Hannan	do	102	do	"
	3	A Gray	do	105	"	"
	4	D Carner	do	113	"	"
	5	M Oliver	do	118	"	"
	6	Mc Kerrigan	do	120	"	"
	7	J Healey	do	124	"	"
	8	P Doty	do	129	"	"
	9	C Fanning	do	9	Augustus	"
	10	S Waters	do	17	"	"
	11	M M^{c}Gowan	do	25	"	"
	12	A Darling	do	31	"	"
	13	S Taylor	do	41	"	"
	14	T McGuire	do	53	"	"
	15	W Sears	do	54	"	"
	16	A Bustard	do	55	"	"
	17	Nail & Savag[e]	do		Augus^{tus} & Pear[l]	"

18	Dn Cannon	Occupant	9	Catharine	lane	A Privy
19	Wm McIntire	do	10	“	“	“
20	M Mulvey	do	11	“	“	“
21	D Byrne	do	14	“	“	“
22	M Carroll	do	17	“	“	“
23	J Craton	do	*18* [19]	“	“	“
24	B *Gallaghan* [Callaghan]	do	*19* [21]	“	“	“
25	R Kerr	do	23	“	“	“
26	M Boyle	do	26	“	“	“
27	R Walker	do	6	Collect		“
28	J Pike	do	21	do		“
29	T Adams	do	22	do		“
30	J Wood	do	23	“		“
31	[105] T Barber	do	25	do		do
32	S Dunham	do	25	do		do
33	C Langley	do	27	do		do
34	M Concklin	do	29	do		do
35	M Reilly	do		Collect & Anthony		do
36	J Copeland	do	3	Cross St		do
37	M Glancey	do	26	do		“
38	J Gilmartin	do	27	do		do
39	T Feighan	do	33	do		do
40	M McNulty	do	84	do		do
41	J Mehan	do	90	“		“
42	A Wells	do	92	“		“
43	J Laughlin	do	43	Duane		“
44	J Waters	do	48½	“		“
45	J Mc*Givney* [Greevey]	do	49	“		“
46	O McCarthy	do	61	“		“
47	R Bates	“	81	“		“
48	L Voorhis	“	86	“		“
49	J Hays	“	92	“		“
50	Rd L Walker	“	98	“		“
51	S Cochran	“	100	“		“
52	Richd L Walker	“	103	“		“
53	D Notes	“	13	Elm	street	“
54	E Ward	“	21	“	“	“
55	S Day	“	26	“	“	“
56	H Mitchill	“	27	“	“	“
57	L Buskirk	“	27½	“	“	“
58	M Manus	“	41	“		“
59	J Bolen	“	43	“		“
60	T Watt	“	48½	“		“
61	Duff & McConckey	“	58	“		“
62	Widow Lawson	“	64	“		“
63	H Hamilton	“	70	“		“
64	M Parker	“	72	“		“
65	P Collins	“	98	Leonard		“
66	[106] J Hogan	“	98½	“		“

67	J Gilmartin	Occupant	102	Leonard	A Pri
68	G Reilly	"	104	"	"
69	C Stuart	"	106	"	"
70	J B Wilson	"	118	"	"
71	L R Rindell	"	138	"	"
72	Ross & Cramer	"	139	"	"
73	B Harper	"	140	"	"
74	A Vantine	"	148	"	"
75	W Stouton	"	152	"	"
76	M McGowan	"	13	Mott	"
77	P Tucker	"	19	Mott	"
78	H Clark	"	37	"	"
79	Thomas Allen	"	39	"	"
80	C *Winick* [Winnik]	"	45	"	"
81	P K Lawrence	"	47	"	"
82	J Perry	"	49	"	"
83	R McKinley	"	54	"	"
84	D Tichenor	"	62	"	"
85	S Hare	"	66	"	"
86	J Downey	"	94	"	"
87	B Howe	"	106	"	"
88	J Brown	"	11	Mulberry	"
89	C Horton	"	32	"	"
90	Widow Miller	"	34	"	"
91	J *Tits Giles* [Pitzgerald]	"	49	"	"
92	B Johnson	"	64	"	"
93	J Smith	"	66	"	"
94	H Cunningham	"	68	"	"
95	H Saunders	"	72	"	"
96	J Sebring	"	79	"	"
97	J Tait	"	90	"	"
98	M Flinn	"	94	"	"
99	J McMahon	"	103	"	"
100	J *Grammer* [Gammon]	"	108	"	"
101	[107] J Michaels	"	109	"	"
102	J Boss	"	109½	"	"
103	M Jordan	"	13	Orange st	"
114	Widow Ireland	"	20	"	"
105	C Patterson	"	21	"	"
106	J Weber	"	22	"	"
107	Mrs Biggs	"	40	"	"
108	S Green	"	42	"	"
109	Wm Brown	"	44	"	"
110	J McGonergal	"	63	"	"
111	Widow McFarlane	"	116	"	"
113	E Wheeler	"	117	"	"
114	A Scott	"	485	Pearl st	"
115	A Campbell	"	502	"	
116	A Underhill	"	504	"	

117	S Parker	Occupant	506 Pearl st	A Privy
118	Mott Wm	"	511 "	"
119	Widow Peck	"	513 "	"
120	Wm Williams	"	528 "	"
121	J Sillcock	"	532 "	"
122	J P Whitehead	"	534 "	"
123	Mrs White	"	551 "	"
124	Geo Barker	"	553 "	"
125	J Hennegar	"	554 "	"
126	C Stewart	"	556 "	"
127	Hugh Flinn	"	9 Reed	"
128	J Coffin	"	11 "	"
129	Wm Herbert	"	27 "	"
130	Westervelt & Ackerman	"	36 "	"
131	Owen Mullany	"	1 Republican alley	"
132	Chas Starkey	"	2 do	"
133	A Campbell	"	7 do	"
134	Harman Hendrick	Owner	Bedford & Commerce	A Lot.

George Cumming C. I.

*[106] The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward & St Commis- ner on the Petition for a Well & Pump in Laurence Street reported follows,

The Alderman & Assistant of Eighth Ward and Street Commis- ner to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Burr and others for Well & Pump in Laurence Street near Prince Street

Report

that in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be anted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
R Graves. St Comr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee to whom had been referred the Revision of the ws of the Corporation presented the following report.

The Committee appointed to revise the Laws and Ordinances of the rporation

Respectfully Report.

That they have finished the task assigned them by the Common ouncil and now present the titles of the Laws and Ordinances for heir adoption The Committee would do injustice to the different fficers of the Board did they not acknowledge the very prompt and

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Efficient aid *[107] furnished by them in the progress of this work. And they have the Satisfaction to believe that the Laws and Ordinances now revised will be found to meet more fully than heretofore the different Cases and Circumstances that are likely to occur in the diversified and Extended Concerns of our City, especially those relating to the Public markets and Streets and the more highly interesting object of the Public health which deserves and has received all the attention and Care of this Board in framing those laws which have been passed for its Security and preservation in Connexion with the Laws of the State relating to the Quarantine.

A principal object of the Committee has been to arrange the different Laws and parts of Laws contained in former publications & to Expand their Phraseology while endeavoring to suppress their redundancies and Connect them in a form as Clear and lucid as their time and opportunities for consultat^n would allow. By considerable attention to method in their arrangement they have been enabled to Compress the present body of Ordinances within a Compass of but a few Pages more than the last though *though* the Edition as now revised Contains the Substance of all the former Laws and Ordinances which were then in Existence with the addition of many new Laws and Sections which have from time to time been passed since their last revisions, the Effect of which has been to reduce the [108] number of Laws as formerly published from Sixty nine to forty one The Index to the present Edition is more copious than the former the necessity for which must be obvious from the frequent reference to a book so constantly in use as the Laws of this Corporation

Your Committee have been indefatigable in their endeavours to render this revision as perfect as circumstances would allow but they are conscious notwithstanding that many imperfections may still be found in it The task of revising such a body of Laws can only be appreciated by those who have experienced the labour and difficulty of such an undertaking to such Your Committee look with Confidence for an apology for any imperfections which may have escaped their notice

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E. W King
S. Cowdrey
George S. Doughty.

Whereupon the Laws proposed by the said Committee to the Com-sideration of the Common Council and approved by them were now passed & under the following Titles.

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A Law for the government of the Alms House

A Law to regulate the Collection of Assessments

A Law to regulate sales at Auction

A Law to regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Bread

A Law to regulate the City Prison and Bridewell

[109] A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen.

A Law to license & regulate Chimney Sweepers

A Law prescribing the duties of Clerk of Common Council and for other purposes.

A Law to regulate the measure and Sale of Coal

A Law prescribing the duties of the Comptroller and Chamberlain

A Law Regulating the fees on making distress for rent

A Law Concerning Dogs. -

A Law to regulate the Removal of filth & Dirt from the Streets

A Law for preventing and Extinguishing fires

A Law to Regulate the inspection & Sale of firewood

A Law to Regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages

A Law to regulate the landing and Sale of Hay

A Law for the appointment of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties and to provide for the Security of the Public Health

A Law respecting Intelligence offices.

A Law to regulate the Inspection Sale and Cartage of Lime.

A Law Relative to Retailers of Spirituous liquors

A Law to regulate the Sale Cartage & inspection of Manure.

A Law to Regulate the Public Markets

A Law respecting Oaths.

A Law to regulate Partition fences and Walls

A Law to regulate Pawnbrokers and dealers in Second hand articles.

A Law for the government of the Penitentiary

A Law to regulate Public Porters.

A Law to regulate the Salaries and Compensation of the Officers and Persons therein named

[110] A Law relative to the Public Seals.

A Law making provision for the Redemption of the City Stock

A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the Paving and keeping in Repair and to prevent Obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York

A Law to prevent Disorderly and Evil practices in the Streets and other places in the City of New York and to prevent Animals from running at large

A Law relative to Suits fines and penalties

A Law for the due observance of the first day of the Week called Sunday.

A Law to regulate Surveyors

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips and to Establish the rates of Wharfage

A Law to regulate the City Watch

A Law Relating to Weighmasters & Measurers

A Law respecting Weights & Measures

A Law to Repeal the Laws therein mentioned

Ald King Chairman of the Committee rose in his place and Stated that When the Subject of Revising the Laws had been referred to the Committee who had now reported upon them Authority was given to them by this Common Council to Employ such persons to aid them in the Revision as they should deem Expedient that upon due reflection & Consideration among themselves they had Concluded that the duty would be with [111] much more ease & convenience performed by one of the Committee than by any other Person Mr Cowdrey had freely offered his services for that purpose and had performed the duty though an arduous one with zeal and as he presumed the Board would judge with Ability that for this service Mr Cowdrey had declined permitting the Committee to mention any recompense

The Recorder rose & Stated that whether from Delicacy or any other motive Mr Cowdrey had declined mentioning any recompence for his labours this was in his opinion a Service that the Board in justice to themselves ought to Remunerate and he therefore moved that the Subject be referred to a committee to Consider and Report a suitable recompence to Mr Cowdrey

Mr Cowdrey rose and objected to any reference for that purpose. The Recorder Persisted in his motion and it being proposed to refer it to the Finance Committee it was carried in the Affirmative and was referred accordingly.

His Honor the Mayor Stated that he had sometime since mentioned to the Board that he had received from the Chief Magistrates of the Cities of Philadelphia & Charleston a copy of their City Laws, with a request to be furnished with a copy of the Laws of this City but as the Ordinances of this Corporation were then under Revision no order was taken on the Subject; the printing of the Ordinances being now Completed he Suggested the [112] propriety of a return which had been requested. Whereupon it was resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to have Copies of the Laws of this Corporation handsomely bound & transmitted to the Chief Magistrates of the Cities of Philadelphia & Charleston & such other Cities of the Union as he should judge advisable

The Committee on Public Offices on the petitions of Thomas Willets & James Post, for Cartmans license reported in their favour as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the several petitions of Thomas Willets and James Post minors praying for licenses as Cartmen on giving Security required by Law

Report

That from the best information the Committee have been able to Obtain the Petitioners are persons of good Character; to inquire into which Seems to be the only duty imposed on the Committee

They have therefore entered their Protest against the granting of licenses to irresponsible persons and have stated it as their opinion that the bond required by the present Ordinance is but a nullity and which they beg leave again to urge upon the Consideration of the Common Council

But if it is still deemed expedient [113] to licenses under such Circumstances Your Committee are bound to acquiesce and under that impression they respectfully offer to the Board the following resolution.

Resolved that His Honour the Mayor be authorised and requested to grant a Cartmans license to Thomas Willets and James Post, who are respectively minors on their giving such Security as is required by Law and which may be approved of by him

All Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E. W. King.
Sam^{l} Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
William Thorn

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices on the request of the Chancellor that a room might be assigned in the City Hall for an office for the Assistant Register reported as follows

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a Letter from the Chancellor requesting that an office in the City Hall might furnished the Assistant Register

Report.

That they have long deliberated upon the Subject Committed to them and have felt great embarrassment in forming an opinion respecting it

The City Hall being entirely fireproof and in the Centre of the City where the several [114] higher Courts are held affords the most convenient as well as most Safe deposit for the Public Records; and not with standing its immense extent it is not surprising that it should be entirely occupied either in Court rooms or Public Offices

The Office of Assistant Register is one in which the Community are deeply interested it Contains the numerous and important decrees of one of the highest courts in the State which affect titles to Real Estate to a vast amount; to provide for the Security of its records would therefore seem to be a duty imposed on the Common Council; under that impression Your Committee are induced to recommend that the Assistant register be furnished with an office in the City Hall But this Cannot be effected by any other means than by appropriating the office now occupied by the Clerk of the District Court of the United States to the use of the Assistant Register and which however painful Your Committee are constrained to recommend from a consideration of Public convenience and Safety at the same time Your Committee deem it advisable to retain the Clerk's office of the District Court if practicable And for that purpose they have selected the room in the rear part of the Building opposite the one occupied by the Keeper & which they recommend to have fitted up for that purpose In accordance with the Principals of this Report Your Committee [115] offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that the room now occupied by the Clerk of the District Court of the United states be appropriated to the use of the Assistant Register of the Court of Chancery from and after the first day of January next.

Resolved that the room in the rear part of the City Hall opposite to the one now occupied by the Keeper be fitted up for the accomodation of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States And that the Clerk of this Board forthwith send a Copy of these Resolutions to each of those officers.

All which is respectfully Submitted
(Signed) E W King
S Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} Thorn

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petitions of the Inhabitants near Burling Slip respecting an Extension of the Sewer across Pearl St. reported

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Owners and Occupants of Stores & Dwellings in Pearl Street and near Burling Slip requesting an improvement Or Extension of the Sewer across Pearl Street having Examined the Said premises are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners is not unreasonable and therefore offer the following

Resolved that the prayer of the [116] Petitioners ought to be granted and an Ordinance passed forthwith for completing the Same.

(Signed) John Webb
Jacob B Taylor
Shivers Parker

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

Mr Cowdrey from the Special Committee to whom was referred a former report on a petition from a large number of Freeholders & Lessees of the City proposing an Alteration in the form of the City government presented a report which was read laid on the table and directed to be published in the papers employed by this board & also printed for the use of the members

Mr Cowdrey also from the Same Committee presented a supplemental Report to the former suggesting for the Consideration of the Common Council a plan or outline of appointing a Board of Commissioners whose duty it should be under the Superintendance of the Board to attend to the making of all Contracts & the execution of them & the execution of the different Laws & ordinances of the Corporation which was referred to the Same Committee for further Consideration & to report thereon.

The Finance Committee on the petition of *of* Hannah Murray for payment of the amount awarded to her on opening of [117] Green & Wooster & Canal Street reported in her favour as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Murray for the payment of an award made to her by the Commissioners for opening Green and Wooster Streets

Respectfully Report

That the said award was payable to the petitioner on the 28th day of February 1821 but was withheld on account of an Assessment due from her for building the Sewer in Canal Street which Assessment was advanced by the Corporation in the Year 1819 and was a much larger amount than the award The Finance Committee in 1821 recommended a resolution which was adopted by the Board to suspend the payment of said award until the Case of Canal St. Sewer should be adjusted and that Interest should be allowed thereon from and after the 28th day of Feb^{y} 1821

The Committee thereupon offer the following resolution

Resolved that whereas the Case of the Canal Street Sewer is now determined and a new assessment is to be made for the Same that the said award amounting to 4756 $^{57}/_{100}$ Dollars be paid to the said Hannah Murry together with the interest thereon from and after the 28th day of February 1821 Excepting however and deducting therefrom any monies which may be due to the Corporation from the [118] *the* said Hannah Murray on ac't. of any other Assessments or Charges against her property.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Thomas Lovett for allowance of Interest on balances due for paving Chapel Street reported in his favour as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lovett to be allowed a certain amount of Interest which had accrued upon the balances due him for paving Chapel Street and building Sewer in the Same and for regulating Green Street

Respectfully Report

That by a reference to the Street Commissioners books it appears that the Assessments for building the Sewer in Chapel Street and for paving the Same were confirmed on the 16th of October 1820 and that a balance of $117 for paving remained unpaid until the 9th of June last and also a balance of $840 $^{43}/_{100}$ for building the Sewer is now due Mr Lovett.

A balance due him for regulating [119] Green Street remained unpaid until the 9th of June last although the Assessment for the Same was confirmed on the 12th of June 1820 It also appears that the in Chapel st. were advertised 12th of September 1821 and th petitioned for extension of time which was granted on their paying the interest

From a full Investigation & due Consideration of all the Circumstances of the Case the Committee are of opinion that it is but Just to allow Mr Lovett the amount of interest which has accrued on the balances due him and remaining unpaid on the 9th of June last and also on the balance still remaining unpaid from the time of Confirmation excepting and deducting therefrom 9 months the whole time which Elapses before the property of Delinquents is sold for payment of Assessments

The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the sum of $\$168.^{65}/_{100}$ Interest on \$117 and on $\$119.^{40}/_{100}$ and $\$840.^{43}/_{100}$ together with the sum of $\$840.^{43}/_{100}$ balance of principal due Mr Lovett making in all

Interest	\$168.65
Principal	840.43
total	1009. 8

Be Paid to Thomas Lovett and that the Comptroller report a warrant for the Same

(Signed) James Hall
W^m^ H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie

[120] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Abner Higgins for payment of Interest on a Balance due on Lombardy St reported in his favour as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abner Higgins for the payment of interest on a balance due him for digging out and regulating Lombardy St.

Respectfully Report.

That the peculiar circumstances of this Case do in the opinion of your Committee form a just ground on which Mr Higgins may claim the interest which has accrued in the balances due him Inasmuch as the delay in collecting the Assessments beyond the usual time has been occasioned by an irregular proceeding on the part of the then Street Commissioner Mr Higgins has fulfilled his contract with the Corporation and there remains a balance due him of $783\ ^{60}/_{100}$ Dollars and the Interest on the Same is $101.^{4}/_{100}$ Dollars

The Committee offer the following resolution

Resolved that the sum of 101.$^{4}/_{100}$ dollars the amount of interest due the said Abner Higgins be paid to him and that the Comptroller be directed to report a warrant for the same

(Signed) James Hall
S Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie
H. J Wyckoff

[121] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Dennis Doyle to be permitted to rent for Seven Years the Lot N^{o} 65 Common lands which he holds under lease from the Board reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Dennis Doyle for an alteration of his lease of Lot N^{o} 65 of the Common lands so as to permit him to Rent the same to another person

Report

That they have duly considered the Subject of said petition and are of opinion that the Alteration of said lease as requested will in no wise be prejudicial to the public Interest and they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of John Mason for exchange of Lot N^{o} 96 for Lot N^{o} 77. Common lands & also to purchase the fee of Lots N^{o} 89 & 95 Reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of John Mason *[123] for an exchange of Lot N^{o} 96 for lot N^{o} 77 of the Common lands and also to purchase the fee of Lots N^{o} 89 & 95

Respectfully Report

That they have duly investigated and considered the Subject and although they dissapprove the policy of Selling the real Estate of the Corporation they are nevertheless of opinion that the Exchange and

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[*] Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

purchase proposed by Mr Mason would be promotive of the public Interest.

They therefore offer the follow^g Resolution.

Resolved that the Lot N° 96 be exchanged with Mr John Mason for his Lot N° 77 of the Common lands agreably to his request. And the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare and report to this Board the papers necessary to the said exchange and also a deed of Lots N° 89 & 95 of the Common lands situate on the Middle Road in Consideration of the Sum of fifteen hundred dollars payable on the first day of Nov^r next.

Resolved that Mr Mason be permitted to commute the Wheat rent on three Lots *Lots* held by him subject to an annual rent of four bushels of wheat for each

Resolved that the Purchase money to be so received from Mr Mason for the Said Common lands be paid to the Commissioners of the Sinking fund [123A] to be appropriated to extinguishment of the Public Debt of the City.

(Signed) James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Isaac Schuyler *to be refused from Contract* to be released from Contract for Stall N° 52 Fulton Market reported against the Petitioner as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Schuyler to have his lease of Stall N° (52) in Fulton mark^t taken off his hands on account of the decrease of business at said Stall

Respectfully Report.

That the Assessment laid upon Said Stall appears to them to be a very reasonable Rent and in no way disproportioned to the other Stalls in said Market and Cannot see any good reason for Cancelling said Lease And they offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
William H Ireland

[124] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Herman Le Roy Jun^r^ to be relieved from a tax assessed on him Reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Herman Le Roy Jun^r^ praying to be released from the payment of a Personal Tax for the Year 1821.

Report

That the Assessors of the third Ward have given a Certificate which is hereunto annexed in which they State that they are Satisfied that they made an Error in Assessing the Petitioner as he resided in Westchester County at the time Beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector refrain from Collecting any personal tax from Herman Le Roy Jun^r^ for the Year 1821 and return the Same in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of the 1^st^ Ward.

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward [&] St. Commissioner on the Petition for a Well & Pump in Christopher Street reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward & Street Commissioner to [125] whom was referred the Annexed petition of Sundry persons praying that a Well may be built in Christopher Street near Washington Street

Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacobus Dyckman
Geo. S. Doughty
R Graves St. Com^r^

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Ald & Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Robert M Cox for office of Fence Viewer reported as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward to whom was referred the petition of Robert M Cox for the Appointment of Fence Viewer and appraiser of Damages beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Robert M Cox be and he is hereby appointed Fence Viewer and appraiser of damages in and for the Ninth Ward of this City & County.

(Signed) Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty.

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

[126] Alderman Wyckoff from the Committee on the Erection of a Fever Hospital presented a Covenant between William Hayward and Wife by which the Corporation agree at their own Cost to pitch level and regulate according to future Regulations that part of 23d Street East of the First Avenue and Extending to high Water mark on the East River which Said Hayward & his Wife by reason of their interest therein would otherwise be bound to level & regulate which being read was approved and directed to be duly executed

His Honor the Mayor upon the reference to him of the Complaint of J P Dietrich & others against the Trustees of the Reformed German Church presented the following Report. Vizt

The Mayor to whom was referred the memorial of J P Dietrich and others members of the reformed German Church in the City of New York stating that certain monies appropriated by Act of the Legislature for education of poor Children had been missapplied by the Trustees of the Said Church

Reports.

That by a reference to the Act of the Legislature passed on the 8th day of April 1801 it will appear that the Common Council are directed to pay the trustees of ten Churches designated by said Act and the African free school in this City to each of them, the one [127] Eleventh part of all the money in their hands and which they have received by virtue of the Act passed the 9th of April 1795. & the Act passed the 3d of April 1799. And it further appears by an Entry in the books of the Comptroller that the portion of the Said money allotted to the German Reformed Church ammounting to $1565.77. was paid to the trustees on the 10th of August 1801.

That the Act of 1801 further provides that it shall be the duty of the said trustees to put out at interest on real security the whole amount by them So received and they shall annually expend in the instruction of poor Children the whole of the annual interest which shall accrue therefrom, and on the Second tuesday in July in Every year make return in writing to the Common Council stating the manner in which they have applied the said income and if they shall not apply the Said Income as directed or Shall fail in complying with the other injunctions of the Act the principal sum shall become forfeited to the Common Council and on refusal to return the Same it Shall be the duty of the Common Council to sue for its recovery and divide the sum so recovered among the other free schools in this City in equal proportions.

It having appeared by the Evidence adduced to the Mayor in this Matter that the trustees of the German Reformed Church had forfeited to the Corporation the Sum paid them in Conformity with the direction of the act of the Legislature A Letter was [128] addressed to the Said trustees requiring them to shew cause if any they had why the Said money should not be forfeited and divided as directed by the Act. That in answer to said Letter the Trustees personally appeared before the Mayor and Stated that they were ignorant of the provisions of said Act and had no agency in diverting the money from the objects for which it was appropriated having but recently been elected Trustees of said Church That they will however put out at interest on real Security the amount of principal received by their predecessors and hereafter apply the income as directed by the Act of the Legislature *and hereafter apply the Income as directed by the Act of the Legislature* And also return to the Common Council annually in writing the manner in which they shall have applied said Income.

In Conformity with the foregoing declaration the said trustees have exhibited to the Mayor the Bond of John H Raub. to the trustees of the German Reformed Church in the City of New York for the amount of \$1565.$^{77}/_{100}$ dated the 22nd day of October 1823. the interest of Which at 7 per Cent per annum to be paid half yearly and to Secure the payment of Said Sum Mr Raub has executed a mortgage to the Said Trustees on his property in the Village of Harlaem bounded Southerly by 124th St no[r]therly by 125th Street Easterly [129] by the 3d Avenue and westerly by the Old post Road the Same being duly executed and recorded agreably to Law

The Object for which the foregoing enquiry has been instituted to wit the due application of the monies appropriated for educa Children of the poor having been answered it is respectfu mended to the Common Council that all further proceedings in this matter be stayed

Respectfully Submitted

Signed Stephen Allen Mayor &c

Which was approved and directed to be filed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which Were passed. Viz^t

For a Well & Pump in Lawrence st near Prince st which was passed & James Bleecker John Bedient & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

Also for Extending the Sewer at Burling Slip and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince & John Targee were appointed assessors.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorised during the Recess of the Board to execute on the part of this Board An Arbitration Bond w^h John Ireland according to the Report of the Street Committee on that Subject.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Cowdrey and adopted.

The Common Council having attended the Exhibition of the model of [130] an Equestrian Statue of Washington by Mr Causici in Warren Street *Street* pursuant to Invitation

Resolved that His Honour the Mayor be requested to Signify to Mr Causici the high Satisfaction Experienced by this Board in witnessing his Splendid Performance as an artist, and his success in the difficult & bold undertaking of Executing a Striking representation of that revered & exalted Character " whose Memory (as is expressed by one of his most able Eulogists) " Will be adored while Liberty Shall have Votaries & Whose Name Shall triumph over Time "

The following resolution respecting the Compensation to be allowed to the Collect^{ors} of taxes in the several Wards was presented by Mr Ireland & adopted.

Resolved that the Collector of the First Ward be and he is hereby authorised to retain in his hands Three quarters per cent on all monies by him collected and paid over to the City Treasurer.

That the Collector of the Second Ward retain One and a half per cent. on all monies by him *by him* Collected.

That the Collector of the third ward retain one and Three quarters per cent on all monies by him Collected.

That the Collector of the Fourth ward retain Two and a half per cent on all monies by him Collected.

]131] That the Collector of the Fifth ward retain two and ¾ per cent on all monies by him collected

That the Collector of the 6th ward retain 3½ per Cent on all monies by him Collected

That the Collector of the 7th ward retain 4½ per cent on all Monies by him Collected.

That the Collector of the 8th ward retain 3¼ per cent on all monies by him Collected

That the Collector of the 9th ward retain 6 per cent on all monies by him Collected

That the Collector of the 10th ward retain 4 per Cent on all monies by him Collected and no more and that this be a full Compensation for each of Said Collectors respectively for their time and trouble in Collecting and paying over to the City treasurer the monies authorised to be raised by tax for the current Year.

The following resolution was presented by Mr Cowdrey and adopted.

The Common Council having attended the Examination of the Several Free Schools in this City pursuant to the invitation of the trustees of the New York Free School Society and having observed the great improvement made by the Children in the different branches of useful Knowledge and at the Same time the exemplary attention that is paid in those Schools to neatness and Cleanliness in the Apartments and regularity in the Deportment and habits of the Children The Zeal with which the teachers of both Sexes perform their Several duties & the benevolence and public spirit of the trustees [132] by which they are prompted to bestow much of their time and to employ their best talents in so important a service to this interesting portion of the rising generation of the citizens and inhabitants of this city are due and are hereby tendered to the said trustees and teachers for their Labours in this department of Public duty and the success which has so evidently attended their laudable exertions

A Member Stating he had Confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and the

Doors Closed.

The Market Committee presented a report on the subject of the purchase of a Lot of Ground for site of Grand Street market as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of the Freeholders of and inhabitants residing in the Tenth ward against the location of the Market as reported by the Finance Committee to be Erected in the place of that which at present stands in Grand Street

Report

That they have given the Subject all the consideration, the importance of it seemed to require that they have several times viewed all the ground in and about that vicinity and have used every means in their powers to obtain all the information necessary to form a correct opinion as to the [133] best site for a market for the future. as well as present accommodation of the inhabitants residing in that part of the City.

Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the most convenient and proper situation would be the Seven lots of Ground on the north Side of Grand Street between Ludlow and Essex street being one hundred and Seventy five front & rear and Eighty feet deep. Other reasons might be offered in favour of the above ground but it is not deemed necessary at present. Mr N. Governeur the Owner of those Lots has proposed to Sell them for Eight thousand Eight hundred dollars altho the price may Seem Somewhat high Yet your Committee would recommend the purchase of them and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolution *resolution*

Resolved

that the Market Committee be authorised to purchase for a market place those Seven lots of Ground situated on the North side of Grand Street between Ludlow & Essex Street containing in front and rear One hundred Seventy five feet and in Depth Each side Eighty Seven feet provided they can be obtained for a Sum not exceeding Eight thousand Eight hundred dollars.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Sam^{l} St. John
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was adopted.

[134] The Comptroller reported

Balance as per act 13th instant		**$59.71**
Received for Vendue Sales		**5000.**
"	**Rents**	**3273.20**
"	**Streets**	**2946.04**
"	**Wells & Pumps**	**513.17**
"	**Mayoralty fees**	**116.50**

Received Fines from Sheriff	$95.
" Commutation Alien Passengers	35.
" Intelligence Offices	25.
	12089.62
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 18th augt	10.300.
	22389.62

61 Accounts audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d	645.75
R Graves St Comr 1 Qr Salary 15th inst	375.
J. Morton Clerk C. C. " 1st novr	300.
Wm J Waldron Assistt City inspector 1 month	47.25
Obadiah Ayres do do	47.25
Asten & Cochran Messengers "	54.
Chas Gilman Keeper of Battery "	34.87
Andrew McCready Keeper of Park	31.
Oliver Jaques St Inspector 1st Ward	31.
Peter Wright do 2 "	31.
Thomas Jeroleman do 3d "	31.
Nicholas B Lyon do 4th "	31.
Abraham Ackerman do 5th "	31.
Wm Kerr do 6th "	31.
Benjn Fuller do 7th "	31.
Samuel Hutchings do 8th "	31.
Daniel Hubbard do 9th & 10th "	31.
[135] B Hicks Assistant Board of Health	47.25
J Pinckney do do	47.25
John Curtis Coach hire 1 July to 25th inst	85.
Wm J Waldron Assist City Inspector removs nuisances	68.57
Manhattan Company Water for Jail & Fulton markt	65.
E W King Esqr for a set of Copper & Dry Measures fr. Albany	34.34
F Tillyou & J. Parker 9 days Sunday Service 6th ward	27.
G Snethen Sups lighting Lamps 1 moth 1st novr	656.52
G N Bleecker Completing tax books 1823	300.
Abraham Leggett Sups Work at Mud Machine	155.
John & Wm R Clapp 34 Casks Oil of J Coleman	625.86
John Ellis award of Dover Street	2500.
S Fargay Act. regs & pavs Washington st fr Carlisle to beaver lane	650.
H Smith Corpn part regs & paving West st fr Dey to Fulton st	550.60
H Smith bal regs & pavs Dey St fr Washington to West st	486.60
Edward Doughty Surveys &c 1. Qr 1st inst	307.28
James Mehan regs & paving Hubert st from Hudson to Collister st	300.63
J Culbert act regs & pavs Charlton st from Greenwich to bulkhead	254.80
J Pinkerton do do. South st fr Dover to Roosevelt st	200.
H Smith do do West St fr Dey to Fulton St	150.
C Mooney do do Chapel from Lispenard to Canal st	100.

J Mehan Repaving Sundry Intersections 1 & 2 wards	$147.03
Fredek Youmans filling 3 Lots Green St. Lien A Hammond	90.08
J. Mehan. act Curb & Gutter Stone Bleecker St fr B. Way to Bowy..	80.
N Jarvis Assessment opening Amity st Intersection n Wooster street and 6th avenue	5.
Thomas J Oakley Counsel fee Case of Canal st Sewer	100.
Harmanus Bleecker of Albany retaining fee Court of Errors	35.
G Lovett bal of Well in Grand st C of Wooster & Laurens	134.
J Gallagher 1st Payment of Well Forsyth st n Delancy st	94.38
G. Charlton do do North st n Eldridge	80.85
R Pettigrew bal do Fourth st n Broad Way	71.25
R Pettigrew 1st paymt do Greene n Prince st	60.75
G Charlton bal do Wooster C Prince & Houston	54.75
G Charlton bal do Water n Scammel st	47.25
[136] J Gallagher bal. on Well Hamersly nr Hudson	40.51
J Mapes treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 months to 13th inst	200.
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs repairing sundry Piers	3950.
J P Roome do for Fire Department	491.
J P Roome do Alms House do	347.
J P Roome do Repairs	300.
J P Roome do Lamp Department	100.
Arthur Burtis Supt Alms House	5000.
	$22368.04
Balance	$21.58

Board adjourned

[137] In Common Council Novemr 10th 1823

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	William H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	William Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Upon motion of Alderman Wyckoff it was

Resolved that a warrant issue in recess of the Board for payment of the consideration money to Mrs Hayward for ground for site of the Fever Hospital.

A Petition of W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} stating that he is assessed \$99$^{15}/_{100}$ for paving Collister Street & that he has paid for the Sewer in Canal Street \$319.$^{22}/_{100}$, that the Assessment for the latter being set aside he prays that after deducting the amount of the Collister St. Assessment the balance for Canal Street be paid to him which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

]138] A Petition of George Robertson for compensat^{n} for lot of ground taken for opening 13th Street which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Jacob Hays for himself and the other Police Officers praying that a Fee Bill for that Department may be passed was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of John Jones for permission to remove a Wooden Building from Elm & Walker to Cannon St was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 6th & 10th Wards.

A Memorial of the Representatives of the Fire Department praying that Certain Alterations may be made in the Law in relation to keeping & transporting of Gun Powder was read and referred to the *the* Committee on the Fire department.

A Petition of Amos Keeler to be relieved from a personal [tax] Assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Patterson for a Cartmans License was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter from J Smith Rodgers & James M Pendleton Physicians & Surgeons requesting the use of a Room in the N. Y. Institution for [139] the purpose of delivering Medical Lectures was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Complaint of the inhabitants of Hudson Street of the neglect of the Contractors for Repaving Said Street in having Left the Street in an unbroken State was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

Resolutions respecting Digging out Hudson Street & Disposing of the Surplus Earth were afterwards passed (See Page 146)

A Petition of Henry Frost to be released from a Penalty incurred by constructing A Privy without having the Same measured according to Law was granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Samuel Rathbone to be releas^{d} from a tax on a house used as a School was read & Leave given *given* to withdraw his petition

*A Petition of Rosewell Saltonstall Stating he had discovered a

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* Marginal note reads *Nov^{r} 24th ordered to be Stricken from the* —ED.

Valuable improvement in Mechanism was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of W^{m} Denike for relief from penalty for passing over the Street while the same was being Paved was referred to the Police Committee

[140] A Petition of John Banker Jun^{r} for office of City Weigher was ref^{d} to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Jane Barras & John Woodward as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas that Certain Assessments laid on Lots on the Westerly Side of Fly market Street & Northerly side of Front Street may be apportioned was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Edward W Laight for permission [to bring] the body of his brother W^{m} Laight Deceased from Harlaem & to deposit the Same in the Family Vault in trinity Church Yard was read and ordered to be filed

A Petition of Joseph Daymon for relief from fine for selling goods at Auction without License was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of J. G. Scofie[l]d for Cartmans License was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Jonathan Hall for the office of Inspector and Measurer of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition that 3^{d} Street between the First Avenue and the Bowery Road be [141] opened & the Obstructions therein removed was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Benjamin Bailey against the projection of the Steps of the Stoop of the Union Bank in Wall Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William D Bradshaw for office of Weigher of Hay at Harlaem was referred to the Committee on Applications.

The Following Extracts from the Proceedings of the Free School Society was read and ordered to *to* be inserted in the Minutes.

At a Meeting of the Free School Society

7th of 11th month (Nov^{r}) 1823.

The following Copy from the Minutes of a late meeting of the Common Council was received and it was thereupon Resolved

That we feel Sincere gratification for the attendance of the Mayor and Common Council of this City in the Examination of the Free Schools under our superintendance that we believe such attendance favourable to the prosperity and usefulness of said Institutions and that we ardently hope we shall continue to receive the Countenance and deserve the patronage of the Public Guardians of this Metropolis

Copy from the Minutes

Lindly Murray Secʸ

The Recorder from the Committee on that Subject presented the draft of a memorial to [142] the Legislature & corresponding Bill praying that the Map or Plan of the Commissioners be further altered so that the Piece of Land laid out as a Market place & those Irregular Pieces called Children of Necessity may be abolished & Discontinued the Avenues & Streets which intersect the Same to be continued According to the Commissioners Plan and the Short Avenue " A to be reduced in Width to Eighty feet And Avenues " B. " C. & " D to Sixty feet each the reduction to be taken from the Easterly Side Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

His Honor the Mayor Stated that as the Law required that Suitable Books Should be provided in which the Oaths to be taken by persons appointed to office under the Common Council might be recorded he had given direction for the preparation of these books and he suggested whether it would not be proper to direct persons holding offices under the Board to report themselves and Places of Residence so that a correct list of the Several persons holding offices might be made out Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

His Honor the Mayor also Stated that difficulties arose in the Law respecting Salaries as to the Oath required from Assessors and for the removal of the difficulty he had [143] drafted a Law which he Submitted to the Board Entitled a Law to Amend the Law to Regulate the Salaries & Compensation of the Officers & Persons therein mentioned which was read and passed.

A Resolution was also adopted Referring to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to Consider the Expediency of Applying to the Legislature to amend the Act to reduce several Laws, particularly Relating to the City of New-York into one Act passed April 19th 1813 So far as it relates to the Appointment of Assessors for Paving & Regulating Streets. &c

The Following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Nº 9.

William H Valentine Accountant Broad Street. vice William S Johnson Resigned

N° 11.

Joseph Polack Accountant 146 Front Street vice John Drake resigned

N° 12.

Eseeck Wardett Cabinet maker Duane Street Vice Jacob D Clinch resigned

Peter Slocum Morocco Dresser 10 Rose Street vice James Kissam Resigned

N°15

W^{m} H Wallace Accountant 24 Eldridge Street vice Alexander M C Smith resigned

Moses S Foster Carpenter 129 Bancker St vice Isaac N Shoemaker Expelled

[144] Robert Barker Painter Christopher Street vice William Brown resigned

Jackson M Kissam Turner, Bayard st vice Theodore B Raynor resigned

John P Angevine Carpenter 188 Broome st. vice James Cocks resigned

N° 16.

Walter N Degraw Clerk 24 Liberty street vice Jacob Moore resigned

N° 18.

Silas Butler Accountant 227 Pearl Street vice John B Wright resigned

Thomas S Underhill Accountant 300 Broome st vice John G Pearsall resig^{d}

Chas Cromwell Merchant. 153 Chatham st vice John Earle resigned

N° 20

Reuel Cuningham Pencil maker John st vice John A Harriot resigned

The Comptroller Reported that the amount paid into the treasury for Commutation of Alien Passengers for Six months to the 1st instant was $500 which was directed to be filed.

He also reported that he had examined the report of the treasurer for the last Six months to 1st instant also the Account of the Comm^{rs} of the Sinking fund for the Same period & found them Correct which was ordered to be filed.

He also reported as follows

[145] The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board for their approbation a release to John Mason for two Lots of Nº 86-92 Common lands Sold the 1st of May 1799 to Hugh Gaine and subject to an annual rent of four bushels of wheat each Lot or the value thereof in money Also a Release for Lot 98 Common lands sold to Peter Van Zandt 15th march 1800 and subject to the like annual rent

The above mentioned Lots have been regularly Conveyed to Mr Mason and he has paid the Commutation at the usual rate amounting to Four hundred dollars to the Collector of the City Revenue

The Releases are approved by the Counsel of the Corporation

(Signed) G N Bleecker.
Comptr

Whereupon the ReLeases were directed to be duly executed

Ald Hall Stated that as the Season was advancing it was Material that the two Cisterns to be constructed in Front of the Friends meeting House in Rose Street Should be immediately done he therefore moved that the Street Commr report an Ordinance therefor which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner accordingly presented an ordinance for building two Cisterns or reservoirs in front of the Friends meeting house in Rose st which was passed and Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also an Ordinance for Repaving New Street [146] from Garden Street to Beaver Street which was passed & John Bedient John Brower & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

Also an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street between Washington & Greenwich Street which was passed and John Brower Francis Peckwell & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors

He also presented the following assessments which were confirmed & Collectors appointed For Regulating and Paving Collister Street from Beach to Laight Street & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

For Regulating & Paving Bleecker Street & Herring Streets from Broad Way to Carmine Street & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in Amos Street near Herring Street & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The following resolution was adopted Resolved that Hudson Street be dug out & regulated from Hammond Street to the Great Kill road and the Surplus Earth therein removed to Christopher Charles Amos

& Perry Streets which have been Ordinanced to be filled up between Asylum & Greenwich Lane

[147] The following was also adopted Resolved that the Street Commissioner enter into a Contract for Completing the Regulation of Christopher Charles Amos & Perry Streets and that the Street Committee be authorised to dispose of the Surplus Earth on Hudson Street for the above purposes on such terms as they Shall deem just.

The Attorney presented the following

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for Execution a Grant to Hezekiah B Pierpont agreably to a report of the Finance Committee excepting that the rent is fixed at 6¼ cents for the first 21 Years whereas the Report says Six and a half Cents Six and a quarter Cents is the usual & fixed rate for the first 21 Years & 12½ Cents forever afterwards this was doubtless the Committees intention

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer Atty.

Whereupon the Grant was ordered to be duly executed

He also presented the following

The Attorney respectfully reports an Arbitration bond to be executed by the Corporation relative to the Matters in dispute between them and Mr John Ireland respecting the earth in Amity [St.] Mr Ireland has agreed to Submit the Matters in difference in the Manner heretofore proposed and approved by the Board New York Nov^r^ 10^th^ 1823.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

[148] Whereupon the Bond was directed to be duly Executed.

The Attorney also presented the following

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for Execution a grant and covenant between the Corporation & John Agnew. William Agnew Samuel L. Mitchill & Silvanus Miller prepared pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips for the Extension of Pier N° 27 East River

The Report of the Committee on the Subject in favour of the prayer of the Petitioners only directs an agreement to be drawn as to the Conditions on which the Grant Should be made but does not direct the *the* Grant itself to be drawn The Instrument herewith Submitted contains however the Grant as well as the Covenants & Conditions growing out of it And in other respects contains the necessary provisions in order to Carry the manifest intentions of the Committee into Effect And is respectfully Submitted to the Board at this time because the Parties thereto have only since the last meeting of the Board signified their agreement to the Same.

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be Executed

He also presented the following.

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for Execution a deed to John Mason for lots N° 77. 89 & 95, [149] of the Common lands and as there is a lease on the two last mentioned lots the Deed has been drawn Subject to the Same and an Assignment of the Lease is herewith also Submitted for Execution These Papers were not Executed by the Mayor agreably to the Resolution of the board at their last meeting because the report of the Committee proposes to Convey to Mr Mason Lot N° 96. in Exchange for his Lot N° 77 whereas it ought to have read Lot N° 77 (which is owned by the Corporation) in Exchange for Lot N° 96 (which is owned by Mason) and because the Lease above mentioned was not taken into Consideration by the Committee

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Deed and Assignment were directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances Which were passed Viz^t

N°	1	A Bogart	Occupant	N° 5	Bancker St	Privy
	2	S Brown	-	28	-	-
	3	M Updik[e]	-	30	-	-
	4	J Joseph	-	32	-	-
	5	P Mead	-	58	-	-
	6	M Lawrence	-	60	-	-
	7	J Coles	-	61	-	-
	8	T Riley	-	62	-	-
	9	O Kelly	-	62½	-	-
	10	D Haner	-	63	-	-
	11	[illegible] Newton	-	68	-	-
	12	[150] P Jenkins	-	68	-	
	13	J P Clemons	-	70	-	
	14	D O Harraghy	-	78	-	
	15	J S Brady	-	80	-	
	16	E McKeon	-	83	-	
	17	J Ryan	-	83	-	
	18	T [illegible]	-	86	-	

Nº	19	E Ingles	Occupant	Nº	97	Bancker St	Privy
	20	William Norman	"		100	"	
	21	J McGlaughlin	"		118	"	
	22	J Watson	"		120	"	
	23	S Miller	"		125	"	
	24	C O Connor	"		128	"	
	25	B Fagan	"		136	"	
	26	M Bremner	"		145	"	
	27	E Millon	"		104	B Way.	
	28	B McGarraghan	"		3	Chatham St	
	29	J Mason	"		31	"	
	30	L Page	"		40	"	
	31	D Tracey	"		77	"	
	32	H Betts	"		79	"	
	33	J Crolius	"		86	"	
	34	A Bogert	"		88	"	
	35	O W *Parrison* [Parisen]	"		100	"	
	36	F Parison	"		102	"	
	37	T Haynes	"		107	"	
	38	Wᵐ P Stuart	"		127	"	
	39	P Gassner	"		137	"	
	40	G Truman	"		148	"	
	41	J J Ryan	"		150	"	
	42	J Snow	"		167	"	
	43	M Bell	"		175	"	
	44	E Tollas	"		8	Chesnut St	
	45	P L Duff	"		149	Crosby st.	
[*351]	46	C Mc*Gowan* [Govern]	"		5	Henry st	"
	47	C Siddenberg	"		7	"	"
	48	J Wells	"		11	"	"
	49	G Wright	"		16	"	"
	50	J Lambert	"		18	"	"
	51	J Baker	"		19	"	"
	52	E Davis	"		21	"	"
	53	M Moore	"		31	"	"
	54	M Garrison	"		33	"	"
	55	J Geesler	"		35	"	"
	56	M Cahan	"		36	"	"
	57	J McGee	"		48	"	"
	58	M Cunningham	"		49	"	"
	59	Thomas Miller	"		50	"	"
	60	J McKinstray	"		51	"	"
	61	D McGahan	"		53	"	"
	62	J Morgan	"		69	"	"
	63	H Turley	"		75	"	"
	64	M Dugan	"		90	"	"
	65	G Ralph	"		1	Lombardy	"
	66	J Wallace	"		15	"	"

No 67	E Africanus	Occupant	No 23	Lombardy	Privy
68	O McCabe	"	27	"	"
69	C Boylan	"	29	"	"
70	J Smart	"	35	"	"
71	A Cuscaden	"	39	"	"
72	S Huther	"	51	"	"
73	C Shumburg	"	75	"	"
74	S Hobbs	"	10	Oak	"
75	E W Nichols	"	14	"	"
76	H Fisher	"	24	"	"
77	J Galloway	"	28	"	"
78	P Galvin	"	30	"	"
79	T Keefe	"	32	"	"
80	[152] J Nash	"	34	"	"
81	L Fay	"	32	Pike "	"
82	L Coster	"	38	" "	"
83	P Hedden	"	40	" "	"
84	Wm Knight	"	42	" "	"
85	J Williams	"	57	Roosevelt	"
86	P Pike	"	12	Wall st	"
87	J Van Winkle	Owner		Broome st	A Lot
88	R C Wortendyke	"		do "	do
89	A L Stewart	"		Collister st	"
90	Wm McKean	"		"	"
91	R M Livingston	"		"	"
92	Wm Bayard	"		"	"
93	G Wright	"		Thompson st	"
94.	E Glover.	"		do	do

George Cumming C. I.

The Committee on Public Offices on the Petitions of Hartshorn Brown & David & Isaac Mangam for Cartmans licenses reported i their favour as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Severa petitions of Hartson Brown & Daniel & Isaac Mangam praying t be licensed as Cartmen

Report.

That the former is a minor and the latter a man in indigent Circumstances and unable to purchase a suitable Horse and Cart, from the recommendations attached to their Petitions Your Committee are satisfied that they are both persons of fair Character and recommend that they be licensed according to the prayer of their petitions For which purpose your Committee offer for consideration [153] the following resolution.

Resolved that it be recommended to his Honor the Mayo

Cartmans licenses to Hartshorn Brown and Daniel & Isaac Mangam On their giving Security according to Law

All Which is respectfully submit^{d}

(Signed) E W King
S. Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
W^{m} Thorn.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Henry Rutgers presented a Report which was read and the Consideration thereof Postponed.

The Same Committee to whom was referred to report a suitable Compensation to Mr Cowdrey for the Revision of the Laws reported as follows.

The Finance Committee on the Subject of Considering & reporting a suitable compensation to Mr Cowdrey for his labour & attention in preparing a revision of the Laws of the Corporation and for making out an index to the Same.

Respectfully Report

that they have with the Exception of Mr Cowdrey maturely and deliberately Considered the Subject and that they cannot Conceive it Justifiable [154] under any light in which they have been enabled to view the Subject to withhold a suitable Compensation for Services so arduous so ably and faithfully performed It is with pleasure that your Committee avail themselves of the present occasion to Say that they Consider the Committee on Public Offices to whom this Subject was referred to have merited the fullest Commendation for the manner in which they have discharged their duty The revision of the Laws has been prepared not only under the Superintendance of the Committee of which two of its Members were able & Experienced Counsellors but the labour has been principally performed by one of those Counsellors with the advice of the Other The Committee have ascertained that the Sum charged by a former Counsel of the Board for preparing a revision of the Laws was $300 and although Mr Cowdrey as a member of the Board has gratuitously performed for the Public a more arduous duty and has declined accepting any compensation it is hoped that he will accept of the Sum of $300 as the Smallest Compensation that Could be offered on the ground of Justice and Equity, They therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to report a warrant for the [155] Sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to Samuel Cowdrey Esq^{r} for his services in preparing a revision of the Laws of the City

James Hall
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^{m} H. Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff

His Honor the Mayor then presented a Letter addressed to him from Mr Cowdrey which being read was in the words following

New York Nov^{r} 1823.

Sir

The Common Council will do me the Justice to believe that the necessity of their deciding on the question relative to Compensation for the recent Revision of their laws has not been of my seeking or rather that I have sincerely and decidedly strove to avoid it. To you and I believe to Alderman Wyckoff when I was receiving from Your hands the materials for the Revision in answer to your suggest^{n} Respecting a reward I stated unequivocally that no Such thing was thought of by me

To the Chairman of the Committee of Revision I have uniformly made similar declarations also to the Chairman of the Finance Committee and indeed to all who have incidentally or casually mentioned the Subject What fell from me publicly upon the reference of the Question to the Finance Committee is probably not forgotten.

The Principle that has governed me & the force of which the Common Council [156] will feel the moment it is stated is one which in my judgement lies at the foundation of the morality of Legislation. Namely that no member of a legislative body can rightfully receive any compensation for the performance of any service which his Situation as such imposes If any Extra labour happens to be done by him it is his own act he might have waived the performance of such Extra duty & let another person perform it for a pecuniary reward.

As I have often had occasion to remark on other Subjects in Your honourable Body in the words of another " What Yesterday was fact to day becomes doctrine " The danger lies in the precedent If a member shall on one occasion be rewarded from the Treasury on some other occasion perhaps more deserving another will be consid entitled to a similar draft upon it and claims may be multipli it will be difficult to withstand until at length the hard Earnings of the People may be in danger of being Squandered upon Political or other Favourites

I must therefore be pardoned if I again and in a form more Explicit than heretofore decline a compliance with any proposition however kindly Expressed or however it may proceed from a feeling of Justice that any Compensation may in this case be received

For the manner of this Communi- [157] cation an explanation must be found in the assurance that I would not venture to speak on a Subject relating to myself at a board when I have Experienced the greatest Support & Kindness and where I have been Stimulated by the most honorable Examples to add my humble Efforts in promoting the Good of our City

I am with great Respect &c.

S. Cowdrey

Hon Stephen Allen
Mayor

The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and it was Carried in the Affirmative It was then directed that the letter from Mr Cowdrey should be entered at length on the minutes

A Resolution was presented and referred to the Market Committee directing them to Report as to the Expediency of Charging 50 Cents per day for each Stand in Washington Market occupied by any Hucksters or other person for the purpose of Selling Stockings Oysters &c & Which are not brought by them from the Country And Also as to the Expediency of appointing a Younger and more active Clerk to said Market

The Comptroller reported as follows

[158] Balance as per account 27th Octr	$21.58
Received for Streets	6544.85
" Rents	2641.81
" Tax of 1823. 3d Ward	1500.
" Justices Courts	890.06
Street Manure	81.25
Mayoralty fees	73.
Fines &c of Sheriff	40.
	11792.55
Loan of Mechanics bank authorised 18th augt	27000.
	$38792.55

49 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district..............................

Hibberd & Clark do 2nd " ....

Bleakley & Brower do 3d " ....

John Berger regs 4 public Clocks 1 Qr 1st inst....................

Danl H Magee Keepr of Potters field 1 mo. 1st inst.................

B Skaats Keeper of City Hall to purchase fuel....................

Jos Leonnard furnishing lists of Passengers 6 m. 1. inst............

Harmanus Tallman Coroners fees 1 Qr 1 Inst......................

A Burtis Supt A House & officers 1 Qr Salary.....................

Wm Hooghland Keeper of Penitentiary & 3 assists.................

Richard Smith Clk Washingtn market 1 mo. 1 inst...............

John Bremner do Catharine " " " ....

Peter Ammerman do 6 markets " " ....

Geo DurYea do Fulton " " ....

Isaac Asten Sweeper do " " ....

J Hammond Justice 1. 2, 3 wards Court 1. Qr salary..........

E Morrill do 4 & 6 " " ....

H Meigs do 5 & 8th " " ....

H Scovill do 7 " 10th " " ....

David M Cowdrey Clk 1, 2, 3 " " ....

George Betts do 4 " 6 " " ....

[159] John Campbell do 5th & 8th ward Courts 1 Qr Salary..........

Wm H Smith do 7 " 10th " " " ....

Wm Sherwood Room do 1, 2, 3 wards " " ....

N Bartlett " do 4 " 6 " " " ....

Samuel Titus " " 7 " 10 " " " ....

P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending courts 1 Qr 1. int..... 1

P H Wendover do for Deputies convs to Penitenty............

S Montgomery officers Serving Subpoenas 1 Qr...................

P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 novr............................

Robert Provoost repairing Lamps 1 mo 1 inst......................

Daniel Biggs work at do 1 Qr.............................

Mrs Hannah Murray bal of act. on Sundry Streets Principal & Interest 2

Thomas Lovett bal on Chapel St Sewer & interest on Sundry Assessments 1

J Culbert regs & paving Washington & King st front Corporation block ....

Thomas Fairchild act inspects & pavs sundry sts....................

Abner Higgins Intt on bal for digging Lombardy st................

J Culbert act regulating and paving Charlton st from Green to Bulkhead ....

J Pinkerton act regs & pavs South from Dover to Roosevelt st......

J Mehan bal do do Elm fr Broome to Spring.............

J Bleecker Auction fees on 54 lots sold for taxes..................

Proprietors National Advocate advertising sales for taxes..........

Cantini & Leake of Albany do to redeem lots for Assessmts

Benjamin Brower 342 tons Stone at Battery......................

R Ayres 43 loads Stone Chips at Piers 5 & 6 East River	8.56
A Leggett Sups Work at Mud Machine 13 days to 9th inst	136.
R Graves St Comr Repairing Roads	800.
A Burtis Supt Alms House	5000.
J Fleming treasr to pay dividends City Stock 1 Qr 1 novr	18.500.
	38515.02
Balance	$277.53

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[161] In Common Council Novr 24th 1823.

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	Wm Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty
	George Downing

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved after an amendment proposed by Aldn Wyckoff was agreed to that the Petition of Rosewell Saltonstall should be Stricken from the Minutes

A Request for the use of the Colors belonging to the Board to be hoisted at the Battery tomorrow Was presented & granted

His Honour the Mayor Stated that having in the Recess of the Board received informatn of an atrocious murder that had been committed upon the body of one James [162] Murry he had thought that the advancement of Public Justice required that every exertion Should be made to discover the Perpetrators & he had therefore issued his Proclamation offering a Reward of $100 for such discovery Whereupon Ald King presented the following resolution Which was adopted.

Resolved that the Common Council approve the Act of his honor the Mayor in issuing his proclamation on Saturday last offering a reward of $100 for the apprehension of the * murderer of James Murry And that this Board will adopt the said proclamation as their

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* Marginal note reads *one John Johnston confessed himself the Murderer.* —Ed.

Own Act. It being Stated that the person employed as Cook of the Sloop Fulton in which the Said James Murry who had been murdered had arrived from Boston was considered as a Material Witness in the Case but being in circumstances not well able to afford to pay for his maintenance it was moved that the Police Magistrates be authorised if they deem it necessary to provide for the maintenance of said Person & that the Board will remunerate them therefor which proposal was adopted under the direction of the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Segerson for license as a Cartman was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Isaac Ammerman to be [163] refunded the sum of Forty dollars paid by him for an Assessment on his lot for Canal Street Sewer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A Petition of Owners and occupants of property in the Vicinity of Old Slip praying that said Slip may be filled in & paved to South Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Sundry Freeholders & Inhabitants of Maiden Lane praying that the name of Said Street be altered to that of York st. was read & referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Petition of James Demott for Stall N° 42 Catharine market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Owners of the Line of Packets plying between this City & Charleston to permit their Vessels to lie on the East Side of Burling Slip as far up as South Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Peter McGlauchlin that the triangular piece of ground at the corner of Grand & Henry St^{s} may be laid open as a Public Square or leased to him was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Benjamin Laforge for remission of fine incurred by sawing wood on the Side Walk was referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance of Mangle Minthorn against the opening of 3^{d} Street was referred to the Street Committee

[164] A Petition of Thomas Lovett for payment of balance due for Regulating Canal St. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Ives & John Birge Stating that they have invented a Substitute for Sinks & Privies & praying a reference of the Subject to a Committee was read & referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Petition of James Rider for a Cartmans License was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Remonstrance from a number of inhabitants against granting the prayer of the petition for opening Banker Street was referred to the Committee on that Subject viz the Street Committee & Alderman & Assistants of 4th & 7th wards

A Petition of John Reid for relief from an Assessment laid on his Lot of ground in Canal Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Wm Kemble & others praying that a late ordinance for removing the incumbrances in West Street on the River between Hubert & Duane Street may be Rescinded

And A Remonstrance of Joseph Newton against Complying with the Request of the above Petition were severally read & referred [165] to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward with authority to give such orders in the premises as they shall judge just & Proper.

A Petition of the New York & Jersey Steam boat Company praying to be released from personal Responsibilities On their Lease & Contract & to be permitted to mortgage their Boats in Lieu thereof was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Robert D Weeks for relief from a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Libby Weeks that her Son who is a Minor may be licensed as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Andrew Willets a Minor for License as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Delancey Broome & Rivington Streets praying that an additional Watchman be stationed in that Neighbourhood was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition that the Side Walks in First Street be paved from the First Avenue to the Bowery was referred to the Street Committee

[166] A Petition of Benjamin L Benson of 9th Ward for license as a Weigher of Hay at Harlaem was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th ward.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the 9th Ward for the removal of the present Pound master and for the appointment of Nathaniel Betts in his Stead and that the Public Pound may be removed & located near the Sunfish Pond was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 9th ward.

A Petition of Francis D Francisco for Appointment of Keeper of the City Burial Ground was referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places

A Petition of Israel Purdy for relief from fine incurred by selling goods in Chatham Square was referred to the Police Committee

A Letter from H Causici stating that he was under the Necessity of removing from Warren Street the Model of the Equestrian Statue of Genl Washington which he had formed & was viewed by the Members of the Board & requesting Some aid in the Premises was read & Referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with Authority to erect a temporary building in which to place [167] the Said Statue.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of Novem^r^ Sessions was laid before the Board in which they Grand Jury present the Sinks on the East and West Ends of the City Hall as intolerable Nuisances Whereupon the Same was referred to the City Inspector.

A Letter was laid before the Board by his Honour the Mayor from Mr Canvass White the Engineer Employed by the Board to Survey the ground through which it was proposed to bring from the Bronx & other Sources a Supply of Water for the City requesting that Judge Wright one of the Canal Engineers might be invited to accompany him in his proposed Examination of the Route to Convey Water to the City which being read it was Resolved that an Invitation be given to Judge Wright agreably to Mr Whites request

A communication was received from Joseph Simpson City Sealer Stating that he had Compared the Standard Measure of Half Bushel received from Albany with that in his possession & that there is Six Cubic Inches more in the former than the latter which was directed to be filed

The following return of Persons Elected to office at late Charter Election was received from John Woodward Clerk of the City & County

[168] I John Woodward Clerk of the City & County of New York Do hereby Certify that by the returns filed in my office it appears that at an Election held in the City and County of New York on the third day of November in the Year One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three and on the two Succeeding days inclusive the following persons were Elected Charter Officers in the Several wards of the Said City that is to Say

Henry J Wyckoff	Alderman	of the First ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
John H Bailey	Assessors	
Jeromus Johnson		
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Robert Graham	Constables	
Richard S Clark		

Elisha W King	Alderman	2nd Ward
Saml St John	Assistant	
Jacob Drake	Assessors	
William W Fox		
Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
John Wintringham	Constables	
Richard Ellis		
William H Ireland	Alderman	3d Ward.
Philip Hone	Assistant	
Nathaniel C Griffith	Assessors	
Isaac Graham		
Abraham King	Collector	
Simon Van Antwerp	Constables	
Henry Graham		
[169] Thaddeus Seymour	Alderman	Fourth Ward
Joseph Coles	Assistant	
Lewis Hartman	Assessors	
Peter Bonnet		
William Benjamin	Collector	
James G Finn	Constables	
Frederick Seely		
George Zabriskie	Alderman	Fifth Ward
William Burtsell	Assistant	
Daniel Sutton	Assessors	
John P Schmelzel		
William Berrian	Collector	
Cyrus Bedell	Constables	
John Insley		
Shivers Parker	Alderman	Sixth Ward
Stephen Conover	Assistant	
Pierson Halsted	Assessors	
Cornelius McLean		
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Caleb Crane	Constables	
Thomas Parker		
Asa Mann	Alderman	Seventh Ward
Jameson Cox	Assistant	
James M Tuthill	Assessors	
Caleb Fordham		
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Azel Concklin	Constables	
Robert Phillips		
[170] Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	Eighth Ward
Thomas T Woodruff	Assistant	
Gilbert Coutant	Assessors	
Henry Howard		
Samuel G Clark	Collector	
Cornelius Stagg	Constables	
Horatio Mott		

George S Doughty	Alderman	Ninth Ward
Alpheus Sherman	Assistant	
Thomas Miller	Assessors	
John Adriance		
Benjamin P Benson	Collector	
Joseph Madden	Constables	
Stephen Huestis		
Reuben Munson	Alderman	Tenth Ward
Gideon Ostrander	Assistant	
Samuel Purdy	Assessors	
Isaac Halsey		
John Palmer	Collector	
William F Stevenson	Constables	
Nehemiah Ludlum		

(Signed) Jn° Woodward Clerk
of the City & County of New York

Whereupon the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give notice of the Appointment to the Several Officers Elected & to request their attendance in the Common Council Chamber on the last Monday in Dec^r^ next. [171] (29th) to take the Oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State & the Charter of the City

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Warden 2nd Ward

Joseph Lawrence Merchant 92 Beekman st vice Jacob Drake time Expired.

Fire Engine N° 2.

Joseph Parker Jun^r^ Cartman N° 13 Hester Street vice Thomas Truslow app^d^ F. Warden

James Hale Shoe maker 67 Division St. vice David Navarro Resigned

N° 7

James P Smith Shoemaker 316 Pearl Street vice Lewis Deforest resigned

N° 8.

David Richards Cordwainer 70 John Street vice James W Pinckney Resigned

N° 21.

James R Carter Clerk 38 Ann Street vice W^m^ M Vermilyea Resigned

N° 24

Ward Leete Cabinet maker Dutch Street vice Joseph Pudney resigned

Charles Huestiss Accountant Burling Slip vice Amaziah Hubbs resigned

Harvey Richards Cordwainer William St. vice Samuel Y Coles resigned

Judson Hawley Grocer Pearl Street vice Zephaniah D Mullin resigned

N° 27.

Abraham Kidney Mason Desbrosses Street vice John Lorton resigned

[172] N° 27.

David Woodruff Butcher 6 Charlton vice Daniel DurYea resigned

Arris Bogart Carpenter 13 Clark St. vice Abraham Bogert resigned

Jerry Waterbury Hard ware merchant, Canal st vice Levi Strangman resigned.

N° 30.

John T Edwards Rope maker Stanton Street vice Peter Snagle resigned

James R Letson Shoemaker Sullivan st vice George Crawford resigned

N° 41

William S Smith House Carpenter Broome street vice Adam Miller. Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented

An Assessment for a Well & Pump in Lombardy Street with objections thereto

Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Deed from Ann Rogers to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York for Certain lots of land in the 9th ward which had been duly executed acknowledged & Recorded in the Office of the Register of the City & County of New York Whereupon the Same was directed to be filed in the office of the Comptroller

Ald Wyckoff from the Committee on the Fever Hospital reported that the Committee had performed the duty of procuring a Site for [173] the Said Hospital in a purchase made from Mrs Ann Rogers of Lots in the 9th Ward Whereupon It was Resolved that It be referred to the Same Committee to Select the Spot whereon to B the Said Building & to Cause the necessary arrangements to be ma

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correctio Sundry nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordina for Correcting nuisances Vizt

No	1	Mrs Rich	Occupant	141	Allen st
	2	D McKinney	“	23	Catharine St
	3	J Robertson	“	33	do
	4	H McDonald	“	78	do
	5	J Dennis	“	5	Cheapside st
	6	J Williams	“	7	“
	7	S Mealey	“	9	“
	8	M Livingston	“	39	“
	9	S Storer	“	41	“
	10	C Collins	“	3	Cherry st
	11	B Basset	“	33	“
	12	J W Neale	“	47	“
	13	C Gordon	“	56	“
	14	J Chase	“	57	“
	15	N Clements	“	58	“
	16	C Josslyn	“	66	“
	17	C Colwell	“	67	“
	18	J Tallman	“	69	“
	19	T Philips	“	70	“
	20	*Mr* [Mrs] Parks	“	71	“
	21	[174] J Albright	“	72	“
	22	W Bright	“	74	“
	23	E Conway	“	83	“
	24	A Remaine	“	85	“
	25	R Edwards	“	86	“
	26	S White	“	93	“
	27	F Thompson	“	96	“
	28	E Turner	“	105	“
	29	S Akerly	“	120	“
	30	E Jessup	“	122	“
	31	N Brown	“	3	James
	32	J Armstrong	“	9	“
	33	P Dodge	“	25	“
	34	J Bruce	“	69	“
	35	H Hemptstead	“	75	“
	36	F Seely	“	88	“
	37	J McGuire	“	28	Lombardy
	38	Wm Slam	“	54	“
	39	Wm Lamb	“	15	Oak
	40	Wm Ryan	“	21	“
	41	S Forbes	“	23	“
	42	H Van Pelt	“	27	“

43	R Fullington	Occupant	35	Oak	
44	J Donahoe	“	1	Oliver	
45	A Sheffield	“	13	“	
46	S Hymes	“	15	“	
47	G Weeks	“	17	Oliver st	
48	E Stephenson	“	17	“	
49	J Maynard	“	19	“	
50	W Graham	“	28	“	
51	R Forsyth	“	32	“	
52	E Carroll	“	41	“	
53	Mrs Morehead	“	119	“	
54	Wm Spies	“	4	Roosevelt	
55	J Dyer	“	11	“	
56	D Sherry	“	24	“	
57	[175] J Jones	“	25	“	
58	R Cannon		35	“	
59	J Walsh		47	“	
60	W Moore		51	“	
61	Mrs Anderson		56	“	
62	S Ward		63	“	
63	J Smith		65	“	
64	S Reed		261	Water Street	
65	J Gilbert		270	“	
66	P Berry		271	“	
67	E Heath		278	“	
68	M Murphy		281	“	
69	P Doyle		298	“	
70	J Harbinson		304	“	
71	J Hinds		310	“	
72	C Reid		312	“	
73	G Byrne		314	“	
74	J Hunt		325	“	
75	J Brady		328	“	
76	P Donnelly		331	“	
77	W Milligan		338	“	
78	E Everett		350	“	
79	J Legal		360	“	
80	J Price		364	“	
81	Saml H Brower		367	“	
82	R Taylor		368	“	
83	T Mooney		378	“	
84	C Goold		545	“	
85	Peter A Jay	Owner		Walker st	A Lot
86	Peter J Munroe	“		Elm st	“

George Cumming

C. I.

Which were passed

The Attorney presented the Bond of Arbitration [176] with J Ireland accompanied with the following communication.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully Submits to the Board the accompanying arbitration Bond heretofore agreed to by *by* the Board which requires to be altered in two places by adding the words " Agrees to be " in order to make it conform to the Bond signed by John Ireland Esq^r

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Bond as amended was directed to be executed

A Resolution was presented directing the Side walks in Spring Street near the Corner to be regulated & Paved which was adopted & the Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance therefore which was passed and Cary Dunn Jun^r John Bedient & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

A Resolution was also presented directing Factory Street to be filled up to the Regulation thereof between Christopher Street & Hammond St which was adopted & the St Com^r presented an ordinance therefor which was passed & John Targee John Salisbury and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

The Street Comm^r presented the following

The Street Comm^r begs leave to State to the Common Council that the [177] Regulating and Repaving of Hudson Street is nearly Completed by which operation Sufficient Elevation is gained to throw the water down Thomas Street to the Culvert in Chapel Street but in order to Complete the Contemplated improvement it will be necessary to Repave that part of Thomas Street there not being Sufficient Descent to carry off the Water and accordingly respectfully Recommends the passing of the Enclosed Ordinance that the necessary improvement may be carried into Effect Whereupon the Ordinance for Repaving Thomas Street from Hudson to Chapel Street was passed & Isaac Kip John Salisbury and Francis Peckwell were app^d Assessors

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves. St. Com^r

The Street Committee on the petition of the President & Directors of the Union bank Reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the President & Directors of the Union Bank Stating that they had erected a Stoop in front of their buildings in Wall Street and which they had been informed was in violation of an Ordinance of the Corporation of this City and praying that it may be permitted to remain

Report

that they have had the Subject under their deliberate consideration and are of the Opinion the Stoop in question is both as to its Extent into the Street and in its form in Violation of the Ordinance of this Common Council in such Case made [178] & Provided and of injury to the adjoining property And therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the President & Directors of the Union Bank be noticed again to take down & alter the Stoop in front of their Buildings in Wall Street so as that the Same Shall be conformable to Law

(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Samuel St John
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for Paving &c the Side walks in Reason Street Reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons praying that Reason Street may be regulated the Curb Stone Set, and the Side Walks Gravelled from Herring Street to Gilbert line

Report. that they have caused notice to be given for objections to be made thereto by persons interested if any such there Should be and as no objections have been offered they Recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted And accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner [179] be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
David Marsh
Asa Mann
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Several petitions for appointment of Deputy Clerk for Franklin Market presented the following report.

The Market Committee to whom a number of Applications was referred for the appointment of Deputy Clerk of Franklin or Washington Markets

Report

That they Respectfully Recommend to the Board that Richard Smith the present deputy Clerk of the Washington Market be transfered to the Franklin Market and that a Suitable person be appointed deputy Clerk to fill the Vacancy in Washington Market.

Your Committee have taken much pains to endeavour to Select a person in every respect qualified to perform so important a trust as that is and they flatter themselves they have succeeded by recommending Leonard Baum M^{r} Baum is young man of good Character active industrious and intelligent for the purpose of Carrying the above recommendation into Effect they beg leave to offer the following resolution

[180] Resolved that Richard Smith the present Deputy Clerk of Washington Market be and he hereby is transferred as Deputy Clerk to the Franklin market

Resolved that Leonard Baum be and he hereby is appointed Deputy Clerk of the Washington Market.

(Signed) S Parker
T Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb

Which was approved the Resolutions adopted and Richard Smith was transferred to Franklin Market and Leonard Baum was appointed Deputy Clerk to Washington Market.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Blaze Tenbroeck for Stall N° 12 Spring st market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Blaze Tenbroeck Butcher praying that a grant of Stand N° 12 Spring street Market at present held by Charles Thurber who wishes to give it up

Report.

That he is recommended as a Suitable & proper person to hold a Stand in said Market they therefore recommend that he receive a grant of the Stand and also a license for the Same and for that purpose they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that Blaze Tenbroeck be [181] granted Stand Nº 12 Spring Street Market and that he receive a license for the Same

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
John Webb
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

A Resolution directing the Attorney & Counsel to proceed against Charles Rhind for the recovery of a Set of Augers loaned to him was presented by Ald Mead & adopted

Mr Thorn presented A resolution Inviting the Officers of the Division of Artillery which are to be on duty tomorrow to partake of Refreshments in the Governors room in the Hall was adopted & the following appointed a Committee to Carry the Same into Effect Viz^t Mr Thorn Ald Taylor Mr Webb.

His Honor the Mayor Stated that as the period was nigh when it would be requisite to Ascertain the Amount of tax which it would be proper to raise to meet the Current expenses of the Year he thought that Object would be much facilitated if the Several Committees of the Board in whose departments Expenses were incurred would consider and report What sums would [182] be necessary to be raised to meet the expenses of that Respective Department Whereupon the Suggestion of his Honour the Mayor met with the approbation of the Board

Ald King Stated that the Subject of paving the part of the Street around the Park had been frequently brought before the Board but from some circumstances had never been acted upon He now moved that the Subject be referred to some Committee which was approved & it was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Thorn presented the following resolution

Resolved that Pike Street be widened ten feet on each side thereof from Cherry Street to Division Street and that the Counsel of the Board take the necessary measures to Carry the Same into Effect. Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Committee.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Petition of the Freeholders & Lessees. was called up & after some discussion was postponed & made the Order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Henry Rutgers & others which had been laid for consideration was called up & referred back to Same Committee

A Member Stating he had Confidential business to Communicate the Lobby was cleared & the

[183] Doors Closed.

The Report of the Valuation of the*

The Comptroller Reported as follows

Balance as per Account 10th Instant	277.53
Received for Rents	9125.35
" tax of 1823 2, 3, 8th wards	4450.
" Streets	3973.09
Police Office fees	1174.
Fire Department Sale of Engine	375.
Tavern Licenses	347.95
Cartmens Licenses	171.87
City Prison fees	150.75
Clerk of Session fees	126.58
Mayoralty fees	109.
District Attorneys fees	80.39
Commutation Alien Passengers	5.
Wells and Pumps	100.
	$20466.51
Loan from the Amount paid into the treasury by Banks & Insurance Companies Commuted for tax of 1823. Bond to John Fleming treasr without Interest	12500.
	$.32966.56

67 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	$.813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75
G. N Bleecker Comptr 1 Qr Salary 15th instant	437.50
[184] Jacob P Roome Superintending Repairs 1. Qr 14th inst	250.
Talman J Waters Clerk Comptrollers office 1. Qr 16th inst	200.
Thomas Franklin Chief Engr 1 Qr 18th inst	125.
B Skaats keeper of Hall 1 Qr 24th instant	100.
B Skaats, do, Expenses of Corporation 1 Qr 24th inst	133.12
Jacob Whitson Coach hire 10th of March to 4th of Novr	26.
Geo B Thorp Keeper of City Prison & 2 Deps 1 Qr 1 inst	450.
John S Howe Physician City Prison 1 Qr 1s inst	75.
Ab Leggett Supg Work at M'ud machine 12 days to 23d	127.
James Johnson 100 Cedar Pails fo[r] Fire Departmt	45.83
A T Goodrich 46 maps furnishd Corpn by J. O. Dey	345.

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* Report not entered.—ED.

John Tiebout Stationary to 1 inst	$232.29
Christian Brown binding Laws of the Corporation	54.25
Haydock & Jenkins 8 Casks of Oil	393.38
S Parker Esq^{r} Chairman Market Committee for 7 Lots of Ground on Grand st bet^{n} Ludlow & Essex st for market place	8800.
Ald Wyckoff for 11 lots of land purch^{d} of Ann Rogers at Rose hill for fever Hospital	2584.32
Hugh Maxwell District Attorney 1 Q^{r} Salary 12th inst	625.
Richard Hatfield Clerk of Sessions do do	375.
Richard Hatfield do to pay Witnesses	66.
B Skaats Crier of Court 1 Q^{r}	50.
James Hopson Special Justice 1 Q^{r} do 12th inst	400.
Henry Abell do do "	400.
Smith Ovutt do do "	400.
S L'Hommedieu Clk of Police 1 Q^{r} do	312.50
R Stephens Assist^{t} do " "	250.
J H Bailey & B Smith assess^{rs} of tax 1st ward	400.
J Drake and W^{m} W Fox do 2d	311.
N C Griffith & J Graham 3d	400.
P Bonnett and L Hartman 4th	285.
S Warner & W Burtsell do 5th	395.
[185] P Halstead & H Ackerman assessors 6th ward	362.
J Cox & J M Tuthill " 7th	341.
G Coutant & J H Howard " 8th	383.
J Adriance & D Fowler " 9th	395.
G Ostrander & S Purdy " 10th	356.
Benjamin Prince & 9 other assessors Streets Wells 7 mo. 1 nov^{r}	602.50
Tucker & Woodruff build^{g} Sew^{r} in Thompson fr Canal to Spring st.	500.
C Mooney act reg^{g} & pav^{g} Greene fr Spring to Bleecker st	250.
Gideon Tucker Repairing Culverts Canal st	160.78
J Mehan Repairs around Park and intersections 2d & 3d & 6th wards.	87.25
H Smith Repairs to intersections 3d 6 & 7th wards	39.50
J Craney 798 loads of Earth Bulkhead at Gouven^{rs} slip	23.94
J Valentine 93 do do do	5.81
J Mehan balance reg^{g} & pav^{g} Collect st fr Anthony to Sewer	55.78
H Smith Earth in South Street fr Dover to Roosevelt st	50.37
Tucker & Woodruff Act Building Wall at Battery	4000.
R Pettigrew 1st pay^{t} Well at Willett st C broome & Delancy	57.50
J Gallagher do Attorney n North St	57.
H Cotheal Inspectors & Clerks of Election 1st ward	60.
J Sutphen do do 2	52.
John J Labagh do do 3	68.
J Vanderpool do do 4	52.
Gideon Tucker do do 5	60.
R L Walker do do 6	60.
Abraham Dally do do 7	52.
B P Melich do do 8	60.
Thomas Miller do do 9	60.
James Palmer do do 10th	60.

J P Roome Sup^{t} Repairs raising bulkhead at Walnut slip....	$188.
J P Roome do do for Repairs	650.
A Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House for working Convicts....................	20000.
John Sidell for Officers Attending Annual Elections................	222.
	$.32824.87
Balance........	$.141.64

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[187] In Common Council December 8th 1823.

The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	W^{m} H Ireland
James Hall	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	W^{m} Thorn
Jacob B Taylor	David Marsh
Jacobus Dyckman	George S Doughty
Henry Mead	Samuel St John

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the President and Directors of the Union bank praying that the order for the Alteration of a Stoop erected at their Bank in Wall Street may be delayed in its operation was read & Resolved that the time for the Alteration be extended to the first of April next.

A Petition of the Captain of the first Watch District Stating that a Watch Post was Established in Wall Street which hitherto was paid by the Bank that the Banks having declined paying in future The Post has been dispensed with That a balance of $\$3.^{43}/_{100}$ [188] is due and unpaid to them by the Banks & requesting that sum may be paid to them by the Common Council Whereupon the Same was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Edward Hitchcock Contractor for Street Manure praying for relief from a fine incurred by depositing a load of manure at the foot of Reed street was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Hannah Murray for Renewal of Lease of Lot N^{o} 33 Common lands which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of W^{m} Anser and Philip Burgess for relief from fine for violation of the Law against Horse Racing was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Cudliff for relief from a fine incurred by removing Earth from the Road was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the inhabitants of the 8th ward for a Pier at the foot of Charlton Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips together with Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward

A Petition of Nathaniel Underhill praying to be relieved from his Contract for Stall N° 58 in Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee

[189] A Petition of Nathaniel Jones & others to have the Pavement of North Street extended as far as Ludlow Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Request of the treasurer of the Free School Society for payment of Grant of $1500 made to them by Acts of the Legislature was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William S Callender for Stall N° 4 Fulton market was referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial from Sundry owners & Proprietors of Ground in Pike Street remonstrating against widening it on both sides & requesting it may be opened the whole twenty feet on the West side was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John De Ruyter praying to be relieved from an undue Assessment on his personal Estate was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants of Rector Street praying that the houses of said Street may be numbered was Referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with authority to carry the Same into Effect

A Petition of Owners of Property of Real Estate in Vicinity of Old Slip remonstrating against filling up said Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[190] A Petition of Adolphus Loss for Reappointment as a City Surveyor was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection of Pearl & Beekman Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Major Bender for relief from a Personal tax assessed on him Stating that he is an officer in the Army of the United States and not to be considered a Resident & subject to a tax Was Referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Anson Macy for Stall Nº 42 Fulton market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Bridle to surrender the Lease of Stall Nº 76 Fulton market & to have a Stall in the Main Market on Front Street was referred to the Market Commee

A further Petition of James Thompson for relief from a Personal tax assessed on him in the first Ward he being at the time the Assessment was laid a Resident of the County of Duchess where he was assessed and paid his Personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Samuel Norsworthy for relief from tax Assessed on Church in Rose Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[191] A Remonstrance of Captains of Vessels and traders Resorting to Burling Slip against granting the Ship line of Charleston Packets permission to Come into Said Slip was referred to the Comee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The following were Appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Hook & Ladder Comy Nº 1

John W Taylor Grocer Coenties Alley
vice Alexander McFarlane time Expired

Nº 5

John McLean Dyer 174 William Street.
vice Adam W Spies Resigned

Nº 22

Andrew Bell Cooper Nº 9 Catharine Street
vice John Benham Resigned

Thomas Nurse Carpenter 14 Division Street
vice Thomas Benham Resigned

Thomas Haskins Carpenter 115 Lombardy St
vice Marmaduke Jameson resigned

James Saffren Carpenter Clinton St.
vice John *Griffice* [Griffiths] Expelled

The Comptroller presented an Account for powder furnished to the Artillery for Parade on 25th of Novr last which was referred to the Commee of Arrangements.

He also presented a Report on Ac't. of C McGahagan which was as follows

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports that he has examined the account of C M Gahagan [192] Collector of Arrears of Taxes from 9th of Nov^{r} 1822 to 22nd of novem^{r} 1823

Received for Arrears of taxes in 10 Wards	$3478.65
" Interest on do	650.84
" 46 Certificates of Leases	460.
" Printing	120.
" Auction fees	108.
	$4817.49
Paid into the treasury for taxes Collected	2953.17
" interest on do do	552.11
" Certificates of Leases	450.
" Printing	119.13
" Auction fees	106.
Commissions at 5 per Cent	17.67
	$4817.49

Respectfully Submitted
G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

which was directed to be filed

The City Inspector upon the presentment of the Grand Jury referred to him presented the following report.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports on the presentment of the Grand Jury passed in the last November Sessions relative to the Nuisances arising from the Sinks on the East & West Ends of the City Hall and the adjacent parts which was referred to him: And States that he cannot Conceive that any remedy for the Evil complained of can be Efficaciously applied but by the daily removal of the nuisances daily arising; Sinks or privies for public use and convenience [193] were constructed but failed in their intended beneficial effects from their frequent use and abuse by numerous passengers by day and night thro the park they were consequently Removed yet Still well grounded complaints continue. Indeed it seems hard that in the neighbourhood of the Hall where Jurors Witnesses Watchmen &c are constantly found that no facilities so necessary Should be convenient and it therefore appears that the only corrective at present is to have all the daily and nightly nuisances removed and the places well Swept before Nine Oclock Every morning and when the Warm weather Shall appear that a free use of Lime prevail in aid of the means before recommended

Respectfully Submitted
Signed George Cumming
C^{y} Insp^{r}

Which was approved and he was directed to carry his proposed recommendations into Effect.

The Street Commissioner presented the follow^{g} Return of Delinquents on Sundry Assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith covers a Return of delinquents on Sundry Assessments Viz^{t} For Paving the Sidewalks of Elizabeth Street between Spring & Prince Street

For Regulating and Paving Chapel Street from Lispenard & Canal Street

For a Well & Pump in Hamersley Street near Hudson Street

For a Well and Pump in Laight near Canal Street

[194] For a Well and Pump in Church near Leonard st.

In Order that Warrants may issue to Noah Jarvis the Collector thereof

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) by R Graves
St. Com^{r}

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector to Collect the Same

He also presented the following Return of Delinquents on Sundry Assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith Covers a return delinquents on the following Assessments Viz^{t}

For Paving South Street from Roosevelt to Dover St.
D^{o} Washington from Carlisle to Beaver lane
D^{o} Dey St from Washington to West Street
D^{o} West Street from Fulton to Dey Street
D^{o} Regulating & Curb & Gutter in Bleecker n B^{d}way
do Well & Pump in 4th Street n^{r} B^{d}way
D^{o} Do in Water Street near Scammel st

in Order that Warrants may issue on them respectively to Morris De Camp the Collector

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves Street Comm^{r}

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to Collect the Same

He also presented the following assessments which were confirmed & Morris De Camp appointed Collector in Each

For a Well and Pump in North Street opposite Eldridge

[195] For a Well and Pump in Forsyth Street near Delancy st

For a Well & Pump Attorney Street near North Street

For Pitching & Paving Marketfield Street from Greenwich Street o the Bulkhead

For Pitching & Paving Dover Street from Pearl to Water Street

For Pitching & Paving Laurens Street from Bleecker street to *to* mity lane

For a Well and Pump in Greene Street n^{r} Prince st

For Pitching & Paving Thompson Street from Spring to Bleecker treet

He also presented an Assessment for laying Cross Walks in the th ward which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Attorney presented the following Report on Leases to Joseph ickings George McKay & Henry Dickers. Viz^{t}

The Attorney of the Board herewith Respectfully Submits for xecution three Leases of Lots of the Common lands Viz^{t} One lease o Joseph Dakings for lots 165, 166, 167, 168 & 169 for ten Years rom the first of May last at a rent of $125 from the first of May next greably to the Comptrollers directions. on the petition of Mr Dickins greed to by The Finance Committee at a rent above mentioned 196] One lease to George McKay of Lot N^{o} 113 for 11 Years from he 1st of May last at a rent of $25. A Lease for this lot to Mr McKay was heretofore Executed by the Board but the Finance Committee aving agreed to reduce the rent from 30 dollars to $25 A new Lease s necessary And one Lease to Henry Dickers for Lots N^{o} 96 & 97 or 10 Years from the 1st of May last at a rent of $40 as agreed upon etween the Finance Committee and Mr Dickers

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented a deed from Nicholas Gouverneur for 14 ots of Ground on Grand Street between Ludlow and Essex Streets eing Site of a Market

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Robert D Weeks eported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition f Robert D Weeks praying to have an Error in his Assessment orrected

Report,

That from the Certificate of the Assessors which is hereunto

Annexed they are of Opinion that it is an Error and ought to be corrected they beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Sixth Ward receive from Robert D Weeks a personal tax [197] on $6000 and return the residue in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff.

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of John Reid reported against the Petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was Referred the Petition of John Reid praying relief from an Assessment for Paving Canal St

Report,

that they have given the Subject a thorough Investigation having examined the Surveyor & Inspector of Payment and heard the Complaining party and after going fully into the merits they can see no Cause of Complaint they are of opinion that relief ought not to be Granted they Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

(Signed) William Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Arts and Sciences on the Petition of John Birge & Joseph Ives reported in their favour as follows.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences to whom Was referred the Petition of Joseph Ives & John Birge relative to a proposed improvemt [*] in the formation of Privies or Substitute for Tubs and Sinks

Respectfully Report

That they consider the Prevention or removal of the nuisances for which the petitioners have proposed a plan Entitled to the most Serious consideration of this Board not only as it regards the comfort but also the health of our Citizens

From an examination of the Model which was exhibited by accompanied with the Explanations of the Petitioners The Committee do not hesitate to recommend the application of the Air tight Boxes [illegible] posed by the Petitioners as a Substitute for Sinks & Tubs believing that their application will in a great measure prevent the inconveniences occasioned by them.

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The Committee further Report that they have no hesitation in recommending the adoption of the proposed boxes as a Substitute for tubs particularly which are in very common use in the Southern Section of the City, It is hardly necessary for the Committee to say any thing upon the great inconvenience attending the use of open tubs as well to the families who are compelled to use them as to the Community at large. They are too sensibly felt to require any remarks upon the Subject from this Committee; and as the Petitioners do not ask from this Board any other aid than an expression of approbation of their Plan the Committee recommend [199] the following Resolution for the adoption of the Board

Whereas Joseph Ives & John Birge having presented a petition or communication to this Board Setting forth that they are the Discoverers of a plan by which the Inconveniences consequent upon the use of Sinks & Tubs in populous Cities are in a great measure removed

Resolved that this Board Do approve of the plan as proposed by them and recommend its general application as a substitute for Sinks & tubs in this City.

(Signed) Robert McQueen
John Webb
Henry J Wyckoff.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee on the Subject of the Fever Hospital presented for consideration a Report which was read and laid on the table.

The Market Committee on the Petition of James De Mott for Stall Nº 42 Catharine Market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of James De Mott Butcher praying for a grant of Stand Nº 42 Catharine market lately occupied by Adam Dobbs who has relinquished the same

Report

that the above applicant is represented as having Served a regular apprenticeship to the trade and well entitled to a Stand in the Market. Your Committee [200] therefore recommend that the above Stand be granted him and a license for the Same for that purpose they beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Stand N° 42 Catharine market be granted to James De Mott and that he be licensed for the Same

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Shivers Parker
John Webb
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
David Marsh

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the letter of the Sec^y of State on the Subject of the Dry Measures used in this City reported as follows

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a letter from the Sec^y of State on the Subject of the Dry measures used in this City addressed to his Honor the Mayor together with a resolution of the Common Council on the Same Subject.

Report.

That they have duly investigated the Subject Committed to them and find that the dry measures heretofore used in this City have not been in conformity with the State Standard and those used on one Side of the town have varied from those used on the other Under these Circumstances Your Committee deeming it a matter of [*] vital importance to the Commerce of the State to have a uniform Standard Measure have availed themselves of the authority given them by the Common Council and have procured from the State Sealer a complete Set of Copper Measures from an Half Bushel down to a Pint which are appropriately marked by the State Sealer and which Your Committee have caused to be deposited in the Office of the Street Commissioner. Your Comm^ee have likewise received from the Honourable the Secretary of State and from the Assistant State Sealer proper Certificates of the Correctness of Said Measures which are anexed to this Report and your Committee Recommend that the said Certificates be engrossed upon the Minutes of the Common Council and that the Originals be filed in the Office of their Clerk All which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) E W King
S Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
W^m Thorn

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The Certificates were as follows

I certify that the Dry measures procured as a Standard for the City of New York Consisting of

one Half Bushel
one Peck
one Half Peck
one Qr Peck
one Quart
one Pint. are corrected and Sealed agreably to the Standard of the State of New York

Signed John Iggett Asst State Sealr

[202] the Certificate of the Secretary of State was as follows

State of New York
Secretary's Office Albany Octr 13th 1823

I Certify that Six measures now received from Mr John Iggett Assistant State Sealer and delivered to Captain F. Wiswall for the use of the Corporation of the City of New York have been duly Corrected and Sealed by the Said Assistant state Sealer and are conformable in every respect to the Correspondent measures in the possession of Mr Iggett and which Correspondent measures were made composed and Sealed from the Standards in this Office I further Certify that the Said Six measures Consist of the following Vizt

One Copper half Bushel marked N. Y. 1823—City of New York Standard half Bushel

One Copper Peck marked N. Y. 1823 City of New York Standard Peck

One Copper half Peck marked N. Y. 1823 City of New York half Peck

One Copper Quarter Peck marked N. Y. City of N. Y. Quarter Peck

One Copper One Quart marked N. Y. City of New York "One Quart

And one Copper one Pint marked N. Y. City of New York One Pint

[L. S.] Given under my hand & Seal of office October 13th 1823.

(Signed) J. V. N. Yates Secy of State

Which was approved and ordered to be filed

[203] The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward on the Petition of Benjamin L Benson for office of Weigher of Hay in 9th Ward reported in his favor as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward to whom was referred the within Petition of Benjn L Benson for the appointment of Weigher of Hay at Harlaem having taken the same under Consideration beg leave to report

That they approve of the Petitioners being appointed and in conformity thereto recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Benjamin L Benson be and he hereby is appointed a Weigher of Hay for the Village of Harlaem in the 9th ward of this City

(Signed) Jacobus Dyckman
George S Doughty

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Isaac Ammerman & of Wm Paulding Junr praying repayment of Assessment for Canal St Sewer Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petitions of William Paulding Junr & Isaac Amerman to be refunded certain monies which were paid by them to the Corporation for constructing the Canal Street Sewer together with the interest which has accrued thereon since their payment.

Respectfully Report

that they have duly considered the Subject and upon mature [204] reflection are of opinion that the Petitioners are justly entitled to the interest as well as the principal from which it has arisen Since it was received by the Corporation In asmuch as the said monies have been used by the Corporation & Inasmuch as the Corporation are authorised by Law to charge the amount of interest so paid together with the amount of interest which has accrued on the Sums paid by the Corporation in advance for building the said Sewer, to the New Assessment authorised by the Supreme Court for defraying the Expence of said Sewer. And it is also deemed perfectly Just and Equitable that the property for the benefit of which the Sewer was built and which has enjoyed such benefits ever since should be liable for its proportion both of principal and interest.

The Committee therefore recommend the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Same amounts of Principal & Interest which were paid to the Corporation by the said Wm Paulding Junr and

Ammerman as the Assessment on their Property for erecting Canal Street Sewer be repaid to them together with the interest which shall have accrued thereon from the date of such payment Provided however that any sums which are due from the said Petitioners to the Corporation for other assessments on their property or otherwise be deducted therefrom together with the interest which [may] have accrued [205] thereon.

Respectfully Submitted

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^{m} H Ireland
Sam^{l} Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee[4] to whom was referred the Petition of Jane Burras & John Woodward Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the City & County of New York Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Jane Burras and John Woodward Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of New York.

Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the representations and allegations contained in the above memorial and have ascertained that Williminer Byron late of the City of New York now deceased executed a Mortgage to Benjamin Ferris Esq^{r} late Clerk of the Court formerly the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court of the City of New York upon Certain Premises Situate at the Corner of Fly market and Front Streets in the Second ward of the City of *the City of* New York being Nineteen feet four inches on Fly Market Street and Twenty one feet Eight Inches on Front Street to Secure the payment of the Sum of $2624.50. cts. with interest being monies put out at Interest and loaned to the Said Williminer Byron in [206] her life time in pursuance of a rule of the said last mentioned Court That Mr Woodward the Present Clerk of the Said Court of Common Pleas in pursuance of a Rule of the said Court proceeded to a foreclose of the said mortgage in the Court of Chancery That by a Decree of the Said Court of Chancery the said mortgaged Premises had been ordered to be sold and the Assessments on the said Premises as soon as ever the same should be ascertained, should be paid out of the amount bid at such sale

That the said mortgaged Premises had in connection with other Premises lying contiguous and adjoining thereto in which the said Williminer Byron had or is said to have had some interest in her lifetime been assessed in gross for the opening and enlarging Maiden lane between Pearl St & William St the Sum of Five hundred and Eighty nine dollars and the further sum of Fifty one Dollars for the Erection of a Bulkhead at the foot of Flymarket Street aforesaid which several assessments now remain due with interest and Charges—The said Jane Burras and John Woodward claiming a divided interest in the Premises so assessed have applied to be admitted to pay such part and proportion of the said assessments as the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York should deem to be just & Equitable

A Diagram or plan of said premises so assessed in gross is hereunto annexed

The Finance Committee have therefore [207] considered that the principal sum of Two hundred & Eighty dollars for the opening and Enlarging of Maiden lane between William St & Pearl Street and the principal Sum of Twenty dollars for the assessm^t of the Bulkhead at the foot of Flymarket Street aforesaid would be an equitable apportionment of the principal Sums of the Several Assessments aforesaid and therefore Submit to the Common Council the following Resolution

Resolved that upon payment to the Collector of the Several Assessments aforesaid of the several principal Sums of Two hundred and Eighty dollars and Twenty dollars with Interest from the time the same is respectively Chargeable and the other Charges thereon that the Premises Situate at the Corner of Flymarket and front Streets aforesaid being a house and lot nineteen feet four Inches on Flymarket Street and Twenty one feet Eight Inches on Front Street assessed to Williminer Byron deceased be and the same is declared to be free and released from the said several Assessments and that the Collector be and he is hereby directed to look to the Residue of the said Premises so assessed in gross as aforesaid for the Balance of the Said respective assessments with the Interest thereof and the charges incident thereto

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
W^m H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the petition of Adolph Brower & Jacob Concklin presented a Report which [208] was read and after some discussion referred back to the Same Committee

The Police Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Delonguemarre the Report of the City Inspector and the Petition of Noah Brown presented a report which was read and referred to the Ald^n^ & Assistant of the 10th Ward & the City Inspector

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Freeholders & Lessees made the order of the Day for this meeting was called up—Mr Thorn moved to postpone the Consideration thereof until the first meeting in January next The question being taken thereon and a division being called by Mr Cowdrey the Members voted as follows

Negative His Honour the Mayor Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff King Zabriskie Mr Bolton St John Cowdrey Webb Parker 10.

Affirmative Ald Hall McQueen Mann Taylor Dyckman Mead Mr Ireland Thorn Marsh Doughty 10

The Board being equally divided the Motion for postponement was not Carried

Alderman Mann then moved that the considerat^{n} [209] be postponed until the next meeting of the Board which was agreed to & it was Resolved that when the Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 5 oclock

The following was presented by Mr Ireland & agreed to

Resolved that Bridges of Flat Stones be placed across such Streets in the 3^{d} ward as the Alderman & Assistant together with the Street Comm^{r} shall direct & that the Street Comm^{r} Report an Ordinance for the Same

Whereupon The Street Comm^{r} reported an Ordinance for laying Cross Walks at the Intersections of such Streets as the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward shall direct which was passed and Isaac Kip John Salisbury & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

A Resolution requesting his Honour the Mayor to open a correspondence with Sec^{y} of War to obtain the use of the Bridge at the foot of Hubert Street as a Pier to land Articles or for the Accommodation of the Citizens was agreed to.

The following Subjects which had been laid for consideration was called up & postponed indefinitely

Report on Petition of the Eye Infirmary

Resolution Respecting Property that might be disposed of

Resolution as to Employing two Morning and two Evening Papers

Report on Appointment of Benjamin Waldron [210] as Inspector of Manure

Resolution to amend the 18th Rule of the Rules & Orders of the Common Council.

On Motion of Mr Cowdrey It was then Resolved that the Subject of Attendance of a Committee of this Board at the Drawing of the Lotteries be referred to the Finance Committee to report on the Reference to them and its Extent.

The Attorney Reported A Memorial to Congress of the United States on Subject of Castle Clinton Which was agreed to be authenticated & transmitted.

The Comptroller Reported as follows

Balance as per account 24th Novemr	$141.[illegible]
Received for Streets	8624.[illegible]
Rents	4017.36
Tax of 1823 3d ward	2700.
Wells & Pumps	105.28
Fines &c of Sheriff	55.
Mayoralty fees	48.
Excise	45.
Commutation Alien Passengers	10.
	$.15746.72

53 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton	Watch	1st district	813.75
Hibberd & Clark	do	2nd	645.75
[*] Bleakley & Brower.	do	3d	645.75
Stephen Allen Esqr	Mayor	1 Qr Salary 12 inst	750.
John Fleming	City Treasurer	2 Qrs do 19th octr 1823	200.
George Cumming	City Inspr	1 Qr do 1st inst	200.
Wm J Waldron	Assist do	1 month	43.75
Obadiah Ayres	do "	do	43.75
Astin & Cochran	Messengers	"	50.
Danl H Magee	Keeper of Potters field		37.50
Chas Gilman	do	Battery	33.75
Andrew McCready	do	Park	33.75
Oliver Jaques	St. Inspr	1 Ward 1 mo 1 inst	30.
Peter Wright	"	" "	30.
Thomas Jeroleman	"	" "	30.
Nicholas B Lyon	"	" "	30.
Abraham Ackerman	"	" "	30.
Wm Kerr	"	" "	30.
Benjn Fuller	"	" "	30.
Samuel Hutchings	"	" "	30.
Daniel Hubbard	"	" "	30.

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A Curtis & W King Attending at City Hall as Marshalls 25 Nov^{r}....	3.
Richard Smith Clerk Washington market 1 mo 1 inst................	62.50
John Bremner Catharine " "	55.
Peter Amerman 6 markets......................................	48.50
George DurYea Fulton...	41.67
George Duryee Franklin 2 mo..................................	38.13
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton 1 mo..............................	38.50
Benjamin Hicks Assistant Board of Health.....................	43.75
J Pinckney do do	43.75
Abraham Dally repairs for mud machine........................	63.97
Abraham Leggett Super'ting Work do 12 days....................	115.25
G Snethen Superintend^{s} light^{s} Lamps 1 mo..........................	774.23
Robert Provoost rep^{s} do	78.84
[212] Lang Turner & Co Subscp^{tn} to Gazette 9 mo 7th dec^{r}..........	75.
J Hays Officers Extra Services Police 1 Q^{r} 26 nov^{r}.................	306.
J Hays do Convey^{s} prisoners to Peniten^{y} "	55.
Geo B Raymond for officers do to City Prison.....................	161.50
T & G Lovett Bal. of principal due reg^{s} Canal st....................	1910.74
J Culbert acct reg^{ts} and paving Bleecker St fro B Way to Carmine st.	750.
T & G Lovett interest on reg^{s} Canal St "	693.13
H Smith act reg^{s} & pav^{s} West St. fr Barclay to Vesey St...........	450.
J Culbert bal do Charlton fr Greene to Bulkhead...........	225.78
G Lovett filling Ground on Greenwich St & Wooster, Lien R Dickinson	192.48
Sam^{l} Fargay Act. reg^{s} & pav^{s} Washington st from Carlisle to Beaver lane	180.
G Tucker Repa^{s} & Altering Culverts Chapel St.....................	107.72
John Culbert Repai^{s} intersections 6th ward..........................	66.99
R Ayres do do 3 & 7th wards....................	10.62
James Vincent do do 8th wards.........................	8.12
E Classon 192 Tons Gravel at Battery.............................	120.
Geo Charlton 1st payment Well Laurens St n Prince................	49.50
R Pettigrew 1st do do Christopher C Washingt^{n}...........	40.
A Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House..	5000.
	$15,577.51
Balance	$169.21

213] Special Meeting In Common Council December 15th 1823

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Wm Thorn
Jacob B Taylor	George S Doughty
	George Downing

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with

A Petition of Wm J Waldron that the sum of $25 paid by him for Assessment of Canal St. Sewer may be refunded to him was referred to the Street Commissioner

Ald Wyckoff presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorised to make application from time to time to the Comptroller for Warrants to be reported for awards to persons Entitled, for payments made for Canal St Sewer agreably to the mode prescribed in the Case of William Paulding Junr which was reported to the Board on the Eighth Instant

[214] A Petition of J S Livingston for remission of $40 costs paid on Sale of his property for taxes of 1821 was read & referred to Finance Committee

A Petition of Catharine Reshmiel for permission to Sell Poultr in the Franklin Market was referred to the Market Commee

The Petition of George Goodheart for permission to transfer S No 54 Washington market to Wm P Munson was read & referre Market Commee

A Petition of James Kissam for leave to continue his Sign to Union Bank as it now is though projecting in the Stree referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Bailey requesting the Board to rec their vote of last meeting granting time to Union Bank to their Stoop in Wall Street was read And after Several mo the Subject it was finally resolved to Lay the Petitions on the

A Petition of John J Vanderpool for relief from fine for without license was referred to the Police Commi

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants remonstrating against the practice of Persons [215] assembling in Pearl St & riding down Hill during the time of Snow was read and on a motion of reference to the Ald & Assistant of Ward & to the Counsel to report an Ordinance for correction of the Nuisance having been made they were severally negatived

A Petition of W^m^ Few for relief from an undue Assessment was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that 5th Street may be opened between 3d & first Avenues was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that a small piece of ground at the junction of Grand & Henry Streets might be left vacant was referred to the Finance Committee

A Letter from the Society for preventing of Pauperism presenting to each member a copy of their Report on the Establishment of a house of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents & inviting the Members of the Common Council to a meeting of the Society on Friday Evening next at 7 o Clock Was read Whereupon the Invitation was accepted

A Petition from the Columbian Forum stating that they have determined to give a Public Debate and to devote the funds arising therefrom [216] to the cause of the Greeks now struggling for their freedom they therefore request to be favored with the use of the Sessions Court Room in which to hold the debate Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Public offices with authority to grant the request.

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of the Alms House suggesting the propriety of applying to the Legislature for a Law to prevent Children from Hawking and Pedling about the Streets which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

The Attorney presented the following communication together with the award of the Arbitrator Mr Slosson in the case of Mr John Ireland.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports that agreably to the resolutions of this board on the report of the Street Committee he attended before the arbitrator in the case of the matters in difference between the Corporation and John Ireland and that after hearing the Evidence on both Sides the accompanying award was made by the Arbitrator in favor of Mr. Ireland.

Each Party is to pay his own Costs and fifty dollars to Slosson

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulsshoeffer

[217] The award of the Arbitrator was in the words following. viz

To All to whom the presents shall come, I William Slosson the Arbitrator hereinafter named, Send Greeting.

Whereas, the Mayor, Alderman, and Commonalty of the City of New York, by their certain Bond or Obligation executed under their corporate Seal, bearing date the tenth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty three, bound unto John Ireland of the said City Esquire in the penal sum of three thousand dollars with a condition thereunder written, whereby reciting that certain proposals were made to the said The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the said John Ireland and accepted by them, whereby the said John Ireland was to cede to the said The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the land necessary for continuing of Amity Street through the property of him the said John Ireland upon certain conditions, which said proposals and conditions are contained in a letter of the said John Ireland accompaning the Report of the Committee on Assessments, made to the Common Council on the thirtieth day of November One thousand Eight hundred and twelve, as by reference thereto had would more fully appear, and that disputes had arisen between the said parties respecting the right to the ground or earth lying at or on any part of the land so agreed to be ceded by the said John Ireland and being above the level fixed upon which to pitch the said Street as the Said ground or Earth lay on the Thirtieth day of Novem^r One thousand eight hundred and twelve and as the Same then lay as well as the right of disposing using or applying the same by either party, And that they had mutually agreed to submit all questions touching or concerning the premises to arbitration as therein after mentioned the Condition therefore [218] of the said obligation was such that if the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors Should and did well and truly stand to obey, abide by perform fulfil and keep the award order final end arbitrament and determination of me the Said William Slosson an Arbitrator Elected and chosen as well by the Said The Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York as the Said John Ireland, to arbitrate award order adjudge determine of and concerning the right to the ground or Earth lying at or on any part of the land So agreed to be ceded by the said John Ireland and being above the level fixed upon which to pitch the Said Street as the said ground or earth lay on the said Thirtieth day of November one thousand Eight hundred and twelve and as the same then lay as well as of and concerning the right of disposing using or applying the Same by either party and also of and concerning all and all manner of action, and actions, cause, and causes, of actions, Suits, bills, bonds, specialties, covenants, contracts, promises, accounts, reckonings, sums of money, judgements, executions, quarrels, controversies, trespasses, demands, and damages, whatsoever, at any time theretofore had, made, moved, brought, commenced, sued, prosecuted, done, suffered, committed, or depending, by or between the said parties as connected with or growing out of the Said ground or earth above mentioned in dispute so as the said award of the said arbitrator be made and set down in writing under his hand and seal ready to be delivered to the said parties in difference on or before [*218] the Fifteenth day of December next ensuing the date of the said bond or Obligation, then the said Obligation Should be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue; as by reference to the said Bond among other things may more fully appear And Whereas the said John Ireland on his part by a certain other Bond or Obligation executed under his hand and Seal bearing even date and in the like penalty with the afore in part recited Bond become bound to the Said The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York with the like Condition thereunto written on his part as is afore recited as by Reference thereto may also more fully appear

And know Ye that I the said Arbitrator having taken on myself the burthen of making the Said Award and having heard the respective parties and their respective proofs and allegations by them respectively offered and made and duly and maturely considered the Same—Do make and Set down in writing under my hand and Seal this award of and concerning the premises in manner following I Do award adjudge and determine that the Said John Ireland is entitled to all the ground or earth lying at or on any part of the land So agreed as is herein above mentioned to be ceded by him to the said The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and being above the level fixed upon which to pitch the said Street as the Same lay on the day of the date of the said respective bonds or Obligations Subject to the right of the Said The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to appropriate correct and use so much

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

thereof [220] (but without any charge as against the said John Ireland for the value thereof) as may be necessary for the purpose of making, filling up and regulating the said Street—And that the said John Ireland has the right to take away and convert to his own use all the excess thereof not necessary or which shall not be required by the said the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York for the purpose of making filling up and regulating the said Street

And I Do further award, adjudge and determine that the said John Ireland is not accountable to the said, The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for such part of the ground or earth lying at or on the land so agreed to be ceded by him and being above the level fixed upon which to pitch the said Street as had been taken away or removed by him at any time prior to the date of the said Bonds, And I Do order that all actions, claims and demands touching the premises by either party against the other by reason of any matter or thing prior to the said date of the said Bonds do forever cease.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three.

Sealed and Delivered (Signed) W^{m} Slosson
in presence of
Jn^{o} L Lawrence
M Ulshoeffer

The following agreement entered into between the Counsel of this Board and John L Lawrence Attorney of Mr Ireland was also presented Viz^{t}

[221] It is agreed between the Attornies of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York and of Mr John Ireland that there is a balance due from the Said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty to the Said John Ireland of One thousand and twenty dollars and Sixty two Cents agreably to the Report of the Commissioners for his House destroyed by the Extension of Amity Street after deducting the proportion of its value Chargeable to Mr Ireland and it is declared that the Settlement of this Balance was not intended to be comprehended as one of the Matters Submitted to Mr Slosson by the Arbitration bond executed by the Said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty and that executed by the Said John Ireland, And further that upon receiving the Said one thousand and twenty dollars and Sixty two Cents Mr Ireland Shall Execute the necessary receipts to the Corporation

Compensation for his aforesaid house under the agreement between the Corporation and him and Shall also receipt pro forma to the Corporation for the amount of monies awarded to him for damages over and above benefit for the opening of the said Street which last amount he relinquished to the Said Corporation

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer
J^{no} F Lawrence

Whereupon the following resolution was presented and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to report a Warrant for the Same

Resolved that a Warrant be issued for the payment to Mr. Ireland of $\$1020.^{62}/_{100}$ for the balance due him for his house destroyed by the opening of Amity Street after deducting his [222] proportion of the Sum of $1500 at which it was valued It was also referred to them to Report a Warrant in favor of M^{r} Slosson for fifty dollars

The following Resolution was also presented and referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Mr Ireland be authorised to fill up out of his Earth lying in Amity Street and at his own Expence the part of said Street ceded by him lying below the intended level of that Street And that he be authorised to remove from said Street any excess of earth belonging to him not required for said purpose

Alderman Taylor presented the following resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Amity Street be regulated the Curb Stone laid and the Side walks gravelled from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue

The Comptroller presented a Report on the Account of John Sidell first Marshall for Cartmens licenses in which Mr Sidell claims under a former Resol^{n} of the Board 37/100 on Each license which Report was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Beekman Street between Pearl & Water St^{t} was passed and John Targee John Bedient were appointed Assessors

[223] He also presented the following Report respecting the pavement of Grand St.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to state to the Common Council, That some time the last season permission was given to the owners of lots on Grand Street to regulate and pave that Street at their individual expence, without an assessment, They all complied except o person, the contractor presuming that, that individual would pay the work after it was done, paved the Street in front of his lot, the Owner however still refusing to pay the expence, the contractor has since taken up and removed the pavement, and consequently that part of the Street is rendered almost impassible

The undersigned would suggest the propriety of passing an Ordinance compeling the individual to pave the carriage way in front of his Lot, and thereby abate the Nuisance complained of

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R Graves
St Commr

Whereupon he was directed to report an Ordinance, agreeably to his suggestion.

The watch Committee, on the Petition of the Capt of the first District City Watch in relation to pay due them from the Bank Reported as follows

The Watch committee to whom was refered the petition of the Captains of the first District Watch praying for the payment of a Watchman in Wall Street near the Bank Report.

That by an Arrangement with the Banks in Wall Street there was an Extra Watch post established near said Banks. Which they were to pay for, and which they continued to pay untill the 25th November last. At which [224] time the post was discontinued and all the Banks paid their proportion except the Phoenix Bank which refused to pay their proportion being three dollars and forty three Cents Which the Committee recommend that the Corporation pay. and offer the following resolution

Resolved that a Warrant issue for the payment of three dollars and forty three cents to pay the balance due the Watchmen Agreeably to the above report

(Signed) Asa Mann
George Zabriskie
John Wells
George S Doughty
James Hall

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The police Committee to whom had been refered back their Report on the petition of Adolph Brown and Jacob Conklin Watchmen presented a report which was read and after some discussion laid on the table.

The Market Committee on the petition of Nath^l Underhill to be permitted to relinquish his Stall N° 58 Fulton Market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was refered the petition of Nathaniel Underhill butcher praying that he may be permitted to relinquish his Stand N° 58 Fulton Market which he now occupies, not being able to carry on his business any longer.

Report that from the best information they have been able to obtain the above applicant is in very low circumstances and should he be compelled to retain the Stand he would not be able to pay the rent.

[225] Your comittee would therefore recommend that a surrender of his lease be received on his paying or securing the payment of the rent now due—they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to receive from Nathan^l Underhill a surrender of the lease of Stand N° 58 Fulton Market on his paying or securing the payment of the rent now due on said Stand.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
John Webb
Sam^l St John
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of John Bridle to be permitted to relinquish his Stall N° 76 Fulton Market and to have a Stall in the Main Market reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was refered the petition of John Bridle butcher praying he may be permitted to surrender his lease of Stand N° 76 Fulton Market and that he may be granted a Stand in the Main Market on Front Street.

Report that the above is the only Stand occupied in the East wing of said Market and that a portion of the Main Market on front St. is also unoccupied, It is probable that the West wing and the Main Market will be as much as ever may be wanted as a Butchers meat market, and that the East wing may be Appropriated for some other purpose, It is therefore thought adviseable to recommend that a surrender of the above lease be received, and that a Stand be [226] granted as requested in the main market on Front Street at such rent as may be deemed Just & equitable by the Market Committee. for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid recommendation into effect your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to receive from John Bridle a surrender of the lease of Stand N° 76 Fulton Market

Resolved that John Bridle receive the grant of a vacant Stand in the main market on Front Street at such rent as the market Committee may fix thereon

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
John Webb
Samuel St John
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petitions of Aaron Macy for Stall N° 42 Fulton Market and of W^m S Callender for Stall N° 4 Fulton Market reported in their favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Aaron Macy praying that he may be licensed as a Butcher for Stand N° 42 Fulton market and also the petition of W^m S Callender for license as a butcher for Stand N° 4 the Same market

Report.

that the above applicants are recommended as proper persons to hold the Situation they apply for—Your Committee therefore [227] recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and for that purpose offer the following resolutions

Resolved that Aaron Macy receive a license as butcher for Stand N° 42 Fulton Market

Resolved that William S Callender receive a Butchers license for Stand N° 4 Fulton market

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
John Webb
Samuel St John
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the Subject of relinquishing the Market place laid out [on] the Commissioners Map Reported as follows

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the draft of a memorial and Law for relinquishing the

Place in the meadow near Stuyvesants lands and for other purposes beg leave to Report

That they have examined the law and find it to agree with the report of the Committee on that Subject they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the memorial be executed and that together with the Law be forwarded to the Legislature at their next Session

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
James Hall.
Thomas Bolton

[228] Which was approved and the Memorial & Bill were directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the Subject of an alteration of the Law respecting the appointment of Assessors for paving & regulating Streets &c Reported as follows

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the resolution to consider and report as to the expediency of applying to the next Legislature to amend the act to reduce Several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act passed 9th of April 1823 so far as it relates to the appointing of Assessors for paving & regulating Streets &c Beg leave to

Report

That they have taken the Subject into their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion that it would be expedient to apply to the next Legislature to amend the Act to reduce Several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act passed 9th of April 1823 So far as it relates to the appointment of Assessors for paving & Regulating Streets &c

The Committee have als[o] prepared an act for that purpose and they beg leave to present it for the Consideration of the Board

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
James Hall
Thomas Bolton

[229] Whereupon the memorial and bill were approved, directed to be authenticated, & transmitted to the Legislature

Mr Parker presented the following which was adopted Viz^{t}

Whereas, it has been thought advisable that the Butchers of the Several Markets of the City Should renew their Licenses annually therefore

Resolved that the price of a Renewal of such licenses shall hereafter be twenty five Cents

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Freeholders & Lessees for a Division of the Common Council into two branches which was laid for consideration at the last meeting of the Board was now called up and after Some Amendment the Report was approved and the Several Resolutions agreed to unanimously as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the *the* Report of a former Committee of this board on the petition of a great body of Freeholders & Inhabitants of this City for a division of the Common Council into two branches or councils each having a negative on the proceedings of the other

Report.

That they have paid to this important Subject and to the documents connected with it that respectful & deliberate attention which it so obviously requires and Especially to the Report of the aforesaid Committee in which the plan of a City Government is laid down as contemplated by [230] the Petitioners and which as far as the present Committee are informed is approved of by the most intelligent and judicious of our Citizens, and the Outlines and Essential particulars of which Your Comm^{ee} have had no hesitation in adopting

The Plan in substance is that there be two Councils for the Government of this City in analogy with the practice as founded on the Experience of all enlightened governments in ancient and modern times and in all countries with which we are acquainted

That one of these bodies or Councils Should be Elected so that a majority of them Should remain in office for a period of years and the residue be elective annually. And that the other of these bodies or councils should be elective annually as at present. This plan would be in accordance to go no further than our own country with the general and all the State governments of the American union and with the governments of most if not all the large Cities in the different States.

In regard to the proposition of two Councils the reason assigned for it in the Report of the former Committee are abundantly Satisfactory and conclusive The additional checks and guards that would be thereby produced in the legislative and executive business

City would be of the greatest advantage to the interest of all concerned. and the owners of property [231] would receive an additional Security in addition to expenditures, and plans of improvement that would be every way desirable to them

For further amplification on this head the present Committee refer to the report of their predecessors

In relation to the first Branch which it is proposored shall consist of the Aldermen of the City there are many reasons why it Should be on a more durable and lasting basis than that afforded by an annual Election of all its members

The necessity of a permanent system of Policy in the great and leading subjects of our City affairs is more and more apparent from their Constantly increasing variety and importance

Our City is rapidly Extending in its population improvements and general business

We have already a heavy public debt and it concerns all that this Should be put upon a course of reduction and final Extinguishment The most effectual measures for this purpose can be adopted and continued by the assistance of such a board.

As constituent members of the Board of Supervisor's their permanent character would be extremely desirable and important Improvements in that department of public duty could be matured and perpetuated and our system of taxation be rendered steady, equal, and just, by the accumulated lights of experience which now are lost in consequence of the frequent and indeed constant Changes in the members of that Board

As members too of a Court of extensive criminal [232] Jurisdiction the office of Alderman ought to be of a more permanent Character than at present.

These are among the prominent reasons for the constitution of a board or council the major part of whom should continue for a longer term than One Year

In regard to the Other Branch it is considered by the Committee that they ought to be elected annually.

For the purpose of bringing this Subject more in detail before the Board the Committee recommend for consideration the following resolutions

1st Resolved That the Common Council of this City ought to consist of two branches.

2d Resolved that the one branch ought to consist of ten members one from each ward to be freeholders of the City of New York and to be elected in the Respective Wards for the Period of three Years and to be Aldermen This Branch to be divided into three Classes The first Class to consist of four members and to be elective at the end of the first and every third year thereafter The Second Class to consist of three members and to be elective at the End of the Second and every third Year thereafter The third Class to Consist of three members and to be elective at the end of the third and every third year thereafter

3d Resolved that the other branch ought to consist of twenty members two from each ward elective annually to be denominated the Common Council

[233] 4th Resolved, that Each Branch ought to possess concurrent powers with a negative on each others proceedings

5th Resolved That Each branch ought to nominate Candidates for office if they disagree the choice to be determined by joint ballot

6th Resolved that the Common Council ought to appoint one of their own number as President of their body

7th Resolved that the Mayor & Recorder ought to be members and the Mayor ex officio President of the Select Council. In his absence the Recorder to preside. In the absence of both a Chairman Pro tem., to be appointed

8 Resolved that during the Sickness or absence of the Mayor the Select & Common Councils ought to have the power of appointing a Deputy Mayor from among the Aldermen

9th Resolved that a majority of each house Should Constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

10th Resolved that the Style of the Corporation ought to be the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Select and Common Council Convened

11th Resolved that the foregoing Law shall not go into effect unless the inhabitants of this City qualified to vote for Charter officers Shall at an election to be held on the last Monday of May next and on the three next Succeeding days determine to adopt the Same by a majority of the Votes given at Such Election

[234] 12th Resolved that the Counsellor of the Board be requested to prepare a suitable memorial and bill to be presented to th

ture conforming to the principles of this report and that he report e Same to this Board

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed)
S Cowdrey
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker
John Webb
E W. King

Ald Zabriskie presented the following resolution which was dopted Viz^{t}

Whereas His Excell^{y} the Governor by a Proclamat^{n} set apart Thursday the 18th inst to be observed as a day of thanksgiving Huniliation & Prayer

Resolved that the Common Council recommend to their Fellow Citizens the due Observance of the day and to this End that they be hereby requested to abstain from their respective ordinary occupations & Employments

Resolved that the above Resolution be published in the daily Papers in this City

Board adjourned

[235] In Common Council Dec^{r} 22nd 1823

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall
George Zabriskie
Robert McQueen
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Jacobus Dyckman
Henry Mead

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland
Sam^{l} Cowdrey
John Webb
Shivers Parker
W^{m} Thorn
David Marsh
George S Doughty
George Downing

The Minutes of the last regular & Special meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the Hucksters of Washington market for a reduction of the fees paid by them during the Winter Season was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Hickson Wilson for some appointment under th Board was read & referred to the Commee on Applications.

A Petition of Hiram Betts for remission of fine for not having a Survey made of a Privy agreable to Law was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of George W Varian for release from [236] a judgment obtained against him for rent for a Stall No 27 Fulton market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Robert Tillotson & others praying for an extension of an ordinance requiring them to fill up certain lots fronting on the newly opened part of Beekman Street was read and referred to the Aldn & Assistant of 2nd Ward

A Petition of Margaret Cunningham Stating that at a late fire in Henry St. it was deemed necessary to prevent the extension of the fire to pull down a house owned by her which was her only Support & praying remuneration therefor which being read was referred to the Committee on the Fire Departmt

A Letter from Freeman Allen Stating a Robbery which had been Committed on him of a Parcel of Shoes & complaining of the Justices of the Police was read & referred to the Police Committee

The Chief Engineer presented the followg which with the accompanying documents were directed to be filed

To the Corporation of the City of N York The Chief Engineer respectfully Reports that in conformity with the 27th Section of the 14th Chapter of the Revised laws of the Corporatn for preventing & Extinguishing fires it is made his duty to report the amount of the Sums [237] Which may be received by the Fire Departmt of the City of New York and the application thereof and agreeably thereto herewith presents the treasurers Annual Account with that of the Fire Department fund for the present Year.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engr

It appeared from the treasurers account that the Funds of the Department consisting in Stock of various Banks & Companies amounted to $12304.22 & Cash in the treasury $315.18 total $12519.40 they had received in interest of Stock Donations Chimney [illegible] $3058.28 and had Expended in donations to widows $2943.10

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Hose Company N^{o} 1

Elisha S. Mott Morrocco dresser 51 Ferry Street
vice Renier Skaats resigned
Evert Marsh Currier 4 Vandewater St
vice George Schmelzel resigned
Peter McCartee Jun^{r} Currier 12 Jacob st
vice Francis Hall resigned

Engine N^{o} 12

Daniel J Dietrich Currier Pearl vice Jacob Nosser Expelled
Peter Williams Accountant Banker Street
vice Alexander Patterson Resigned
James Seguine Bookseller 460 Broome St.
vice Philip J Arcularius. time out.
[238] Robert Theall Cartman 356 Grand st.
Vice Thomas W Mott Resigned

N^{o} 25.

George Colgate tallow Chandler 256 Greenwich
vice Silas Butler Jun^{r} Resig^{d}
Morris Franklin Attorney 415 Broome st
vice Thomas S Underhill Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinance which ras passed and James Bleecker Esq^{r} John Brower & Isaac Kip were ppointed Assessors

Viz^{t} For Paving the Carriage way in front of a Lot in Grand St ext to the Corner of Wooster St

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed : Assessors appointed in each

For a Well and Pump in Lawrence n^{r} Prince st

For do in Willett St between Broome & Delancey St^{t} with the bjections of John Freel thereto which were notwithstanding conrmed & Morris De Camp was app^{d} Collector in this & the foregoing ssessments

Also for an Assessment for Pitching & Paving Bedford St from rton to Christopher St

Also for Curbing & Gravelling the Sidewalks of Christopher Street

Also for Pitching & Paving Bedford St. from [239] Carmine & Houston St which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances viz.

No 1	Rd Lowerre	Occupt	11	Ann St	A privy
2	Jno McMullen	Do	13	Do	Do
3	T Midy	Do	23	Do	Do
4	A Welden	Do	15	Do	Do
5	C Sherwood	Do	36	Do	Do
6	Burrows & Dutch	Do	61	Do	Do
7	J Jenkins	Do	63	Do	Do
8	R Dawson	Do	45	Beekman St	Do
9	J Poillon	Do	51	Do	Do
10	E Owens	Do	62	Do	Do
11	P Donnohoe	Do	66	Do	Do
12	Chs Lee	Do	73	Do	Do
13	Wm P Kelley	Do	83	Do	Do
14	J Bedient	Do	85	Do	Do
15	Jno Gibson	Do	104	Do	Do
16	Wm Kerney	Do	13	Chesnut St	Do
17	Ls Conley	Do	18	Gold St	Do
18	S W Thorne	Do	20	Do	Do
19	J Brennan	Do	36	Do	Do
20	T Hope	Do	45	Do	Do
21	A Guy	Do	48	Do	Do
22	W Van Lew	Do	52	Do	Do
23	C Vanwagennen	Do	69	Do	Do
24	A Bullinger	Do	22	Nassau St	Do
25	S Turk	Do	36	Do	Do
26	Josh *Haem* [Heim]	Do	55	Do	Do
27	Dl Scannel	Do	57	Do	Do
28	[240] S Dunn	Do	66	Do	Do
29	F Caille	Do	68	Do	Do
30	L Grigus	Do	83	Do	Do
31	Z Sickles	Do	84	Do	Do
32	A McMullen	Do	59	William St	Do
33	W Garrabrance	Do	62	Do	Do
34	H Thacker	Do	70	Do	Do
35	J Inglis	Do	72	Do	Do
36	M Collis	Do	74	Do	Do
37	M Pestana	Do	94	Do	Do
38	J Prince	Do	105	Do	Do
39	G Cruickshank	Do	131	Do	Do
40	E & H Ring	Do	137	Do	

No 41	Sl Kelley	Occupt	143	William St	A privy
42	J Holden	Do	146	Do	Do
43	A Ledentu	Do	148	Do	Do
44	A V Vradenburgh	Do	171	Do	Do
45	J Couzens	Owner	35	Suffolk St	a Lot
46	Do	Do	37	Do	Do
47	T & G Lovett	Do		Green St	Do
48	Jno R Livingston	Do		Rivingston St	Do

(Signed) Geo. Cuming City Inspr

The attorney presented a memorial to the Legislature and Bill for an alteration in the Plan of the Map of the Commissioner of Streets & Roads which were approved directed to be duly Authenticated and presented to the Legislature.

He also presented the following

The Attorney herewith respectfully submits the accompanying Lease of a house and Lot heretofore Sold for an Assessment and which has not been redeemed in pursuance of the Statute (to wit)

[241] A Lease to Daniel Demarest of all that certain house & Lot number Twenty four on Map of property assessed for making Chapel Street Sewer filed in the Street Commissioners office Bounded Westerly in front by Chapel Street Northerly by land of Thomas Heath assessed as belonging to G Miller for five Years from the 18th of Decr 1823.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Same was directed to be duly executed

He also presented agreeably to the direction of the Board A Bill to be enacted into a Law for the Alteration of the City Charter So as that the Common Council consist of two Branches which was read, laid for consideration & ordered to be printed for the use of the Members

The Committee of Repairs & Comptroller presented the following Report on the account of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs, which was directed to be filed

The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller Respectfully Report that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs from 25th of June to 11 Decemr 1823 and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation	$14887.
For Sundry Articles Sold by him	256.47
Balance due Corporation 25th June	45.40
	$15188.87

He has paid agreably to vouchers examined by the Committee of Repairs 152 Accounts Amount..................................	15187.79
Balance due Corporation 11th Decr 1823.............................	$1.08

Signed John Webb
George Downing
G. N. Bleecker

[242] The Market Committee on the petition of George Goodheart to assign Stall in Washington Market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Goodheart Butcher for permission to transfer lease of his Stand No 54 Washington Market to Wm P Munson

Report

That they have had the Subject before them and see no impropriety in permitting the transfer particularly as Mr. Munson is represented as fully entitled to a Stand in the Market.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that George Goodheart have permission to transfer Stand No 54 Washington Market to William P Munson

Resolved that Wm P Munson receive a butchers license for the above Stand

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
John Webb
(Signed) Samuel St John
Thomas Bolton
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition on filling up the Old Slip & a Remonstrance against the Same Reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants praying that the Board would order the filling up [243] and paving that part of Old Slip laying between South & Front Streets And also a remonstrance against doing the Same

Respectfully Report

That they have duly considered and are finally of opinion that it would be improper to fill up Old Slip inasmuch as it would go to lessen the Accommodations made for Coasting and other Vessels Whereas it appears If we may judge from the frequent applications made for new piers and basins that the increasing trade of the City calls for an Extension rather than a Reduction of those accommodations Believing that filling up said Slip would be a public injury Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners is incompatible with the public interest and therefore ought not to be granted

W^{m} H Ireland
James Hall
Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on Sundry Petitions for the office of Inspector of Firewood reported against the prayer of the Petitioners as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the accompanying Petitions of Benjamin Waldron Jeremiah Woolsey Richard De Groot John Christopher, John Johnson Silas Pearsall Ephraim Ludlum Francis Marschalk Peter Hatfield Jesse Hustace Abraham Vermilye Saml Middleton, John Van Orden [244] Jacob Shourt Jacob Reviere, John F Blauvelt Nicholas Conckling Jesse Reeves John Miller Abraham Banta Joshua Humphreys Aaron Merchant Gilbert Hedden Arnet Brown, James Sergeant, Eleazer Brown Cornelius Meyers James Gedney W^{m} Allen James Grey James Burges Jacob Lobb Cornelius Bartholf Michael Cook John Langdon Thomas Brown and Henry Valentine Praying to be appointed Inspectors of Fire Wood

Respectfully Report.

That there is not any vacancies for wood inspectors and should the whole of the present incumbents think proper to resign Still there would not be situations for one half of the Applicants. Your Committee therefore think it improper to keep these petitioners any longer in Suspense by delaying to report on these petitions hence they have agreed to report on them en masse in order that they may be discharged from any further Consideration of the Subject they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the several above named petitioners Ought not to be granted

(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
James Hall
Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Messrs John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens on subject [245] of Lease for ferry to Hoboken reported Viz^{t}

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens praying that a grant may be made to them of the right of ferriage from Spring Street to Hoboken and to place thereon a Steam boat under the Sanction of this Board and also requesting an extension of the Lease of the ferry from the foot of Barclay St. respectfully submit the following in addition to a former report made on the Same petition

The Petitioners having agreed to place on the ferry from Spring St. to Hoboken a Steam boat of the same construct^{n} and efficacy as the one now in use on the Barclay Street ferry at their own risk the Committee on the 21st of July last Reported in favour of Establishing a Ferry from the Vicinity of Canal St to Hoboken and in relation to the request last above Stated and in reference to which this Report is made the Committee find by referring to Your minutes a resolution accompanying a report of the ferry Committee dated Aug^{t} 20th 1821 and which resolution is in Substance as follows.

Resolved that upon John C. Stevens & Robert L Stevens placing on the ferry from Spring St to Hoboken one good and Substantial Team boat in addition to the two Sail boats then on said ferry on or before the first day of May 1822 and Philip Hone Surrendering to the Corporation the Lease he held of the Said ferry that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a lease in Conformity [246] to the tenor of their report a new Lease to John C. Stevens and Robert L. Stevens of Said Ferry for 14 Years from the first day of May 1821 at the following rent

For the first four years at one cent for the next Five years at fifty dollars per year and for the last five years at $200 dollars per year payable quarterly and that the lease shall contain an extension of the lease from Barclay Street to Hoboken for five Years which will cause both leases to expire on the first of May 1835 at the rent of $800 payable quarterly for the time So extended

In Pursuance of the foregoing resolution the petitioners for a Short period tried a team boat which experiment together with a knowledge they have of the benefits and advantage of Steam over that of Horse power although more expensive determined them to abandon the team Boat and to Substitute a Steam boat in its Stead they have erected the necessary fixtures and accomodations for the ferry and the ferry Committee in company with Several members of the Corporation have examined and approved of the Steam boat which they intend to use on said ferry they now request that a clause extending the term of their said lease of the Ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken may be inserted in their lease of the ferry in the vicinity of Canal Street the Committee conceiving that they are justly entitled to this Clause inasmuch as the public convenience will be greatly promoted in consequence of the Substitution of the Steam Boat in the place of the Team boat Recommend the following resolution.

[247] Resolved that the lease of the ferry authorised to be executed to John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens on the 21st of July last particularly described in the Report and Resolutions of the Ferry Committee of that date contain a Clause extending the term of their lease of the ferry from the foot of Barclay St. five Years beyond the 1st day of May 1830 at an annual rent of $800 payable Quarterly for the time So extended upon the Condition however that the term of the lease of the ferry authorised to be made to them on the 21st day of July last aforesaid Shall be only twelve years from the first day of May 1823 notwithstanding any thing in any former report or resolution to the contrary and that the rent shall be as follows One Cent per Year for the first two Years fifty dollars per year for the next five years and $200 per year for the last five Years payable quarterly

Resolved that if the Said John C Stevens & Robert L Stevens shall at any time during the term of the Lease of the ferry authorised to be executed to them on the 21st of July last refuse omit or neglect to use a Steam boat on said ferry then the Clause aforesaid extending their lease of the ferry from the foot of Barclay Street to Hoboken shall be void

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Peter McGlauchlin respecting a Triangular Piece of ground corner of Grand & Henry Street reported as follows

[248] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of the junction of Grand and Henry Streets, to have a certain triangular piece of ground situate at the said junction and belonging to the Corporation, left open and unoccupied by any building

Respectfully report, that they have duly considered the subject, and although there have been several applications to lease the said piece of ground the committee deem it most advisable to reserve it for the present unoccupied as there is a prospect, that at no distant period it may be wanted for public purposes.

They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that the said piece of ground be enclosed with a good and sufficient fence, and that it be reserved for public purposes

James Hall
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on applications to the Legislature presented the following report. viz.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature beg leave respectfully to report, that they have agreed to recommend the following Laws as necessary and proper to be applied for to the Legislature. viz.

1st An Act to amend an act, entitled "An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the [249] City of New York into one Act" as it respects assessments for regulating streets, &c, This act has heretofore been reported to, and approved of, by the board, but your Committee have deemed it necessary, to add to it another section, to provide for the collection of the expences of filling in lots by the City Inspector

2nd An Act to Amend an Act entitled an Act to lay a duty on Strong liquors, and for regulating Inns and Taverns, so far as it relates to the City of New York. This act provides, that the Mayor and two Alderman shall hereafter issue licences, and contains other provisions which your Committee believe will have the most salutary effect in the City

3rd "An Act relating to Hackney Coaches and Carriages City of New York" This Law proposes to Authorize the

Council to charge not less than five nor more than 20 dollars for Hackney Coach licenses

4th "An Act concerning public exhibitions in the City of New York" Under this Law the Mayor and two Aldermen are to Issue icences, and to charge therefor according to the provisions of the irst Section.

5th An Act concerning passengers in vessels coming to the port of New York" This Law contains the necessary provisions guarding against impositions in bringing alien passengers to the City

6th "An Act respecting the collection of Taxes in the City of New York"

This Law contains the necessary provisions to adapt the general laws to the City, as to the time of the Annual Meeting of the Supervisors, the bonds of the Collectors and various other requirements

Your Committee have duly considered the provisions of these several laws, the drafts of which are herewith reported to the board and are of the opinion [250] that their adoption and passage will be of great advantage to the City. They therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the said several laws be engrossed by the Counsel of the board, and suitable memorials to accompany the same be prepared by the Counsel and executed by the Mayor during the recess of the board, and that the same be forwarded by the Mayor to the Legislature

Jacob B Taylor
James Hall
(Signed) Asa Mann
Thomas Bolton
Sam^{l} Cowdrey

Whereupon the said several Laws were approved and directed to be ngrossed and with suitable Memorials transmitted to the Legislature.

Mr Parker presented an Amendment to the law regulating the Publick markets which was referred to the Market Committee

A Letter was received from the Rev^{d} John Stanford detailing his ministerial duties during this Year at the Gaol, Bridewell, Alms House, and Penitentiary and recommending an Asylum to be Established for agrant youth—Which being read was refered to the finance Committee, with Authority to direct the same to be printed if they judged necessary

Alderman Mann moved that the Law to regulate Carts & Cartmen be amended by Striking out of the 5th Section & the Sixth & part of the 7th the following Words "And that all the Rungs Shall be three [251] feet Eight inches high above the floor of the Sled or Cart & no more" Which was agreed to and it was amended accordingly

The Report of the Police Committee on Adolphus Brower was called up and was as follows

The Police Committee to whom the annexed petition of Adolph Brower one of the Captains of the third District City Watch, and Jacob Conkling one of the watchmen of said watch, and the annexed report made on said petition; were refered for Re-consideration Respectfully Report.

That this case has received from your Committee that consideration which its importance demanded, and which was justly due to a subject returned to them for Reconsideration. The Committee have again directed their inquiries to the whole of the matters involved in the said petition and Report. and especially to those points, about which it was supposed some doubts might have existed the result of all which is a unanimous opinion among your Committee. that their former Report made to this [Board] at their last meeting, was correct and proper, and that the resolution there recommended ought to be adopted.

They beg leave again to offer it, for the Consideration of this board

Resolved: that the Petitioners be paid Ninety One Dollars, thirteen Cents, out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that a Warrant Issue accordingly.

Thomas Bolton
Sam^{l} St John
(Signed) Geo. S Doughty
Henry Mead
George Downing

[252] Upon the Question of agreeing to the report and adopting the Resolution the same was carried in the Affirmative, The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann. the members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald. Wyckoff, Hall, Zabriskie, Dyckman, Taylor, Mead Mess^{rs} Bolton, St John, Ireland, Cowdrey, Marsh, Dought[y], Downing, 14,

Negative. Ald^{n} McQueen, Mann, Mess^{rs} Webb, Parker T

The Recorder offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Police Committee be authorised to appropriate, if necessary, a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty Dollars, for the apprehension of Ashar Clark (alias Jones) and Henry Lane who lately escaped from the penitentiary. and to defray the expences of bringing those Convicts from Philadelphia where they now are. to be replaced in the Penitentiary.

The Recorder also presented the following which was adopted. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise such part of the Criminal Laws as relates to or affects the City of New York and report thereon to this Board

The president appointed the following Gentlemen to form the Committee

Mr Recorder
Signed, Cowdrey
Bolton.

[253] Mr. Doughty one of the managers and in behalf of the Other Managers of a Ball to be given at the Theater on the 8th January next in honor of the Victory of New Orleans, the surplus to be applied to the Aid of the Greeks. requested the Loan for that Evening of the Portrait of Genl Jackson owned by the Corporation—which request was complied with.

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as Pr Acct. 8th Inst	169.21	
Recd for Tax of 1823. 1. 3. 5. 6. 8. 10 Wds	23.000.	
D° Arrears of Tax	1.397.02	
D° Streets	9991.33	
D° Rents	2361.17	
D° Justices Courts	612.60	
D° Wells & Pumps	182.04	
D° Mayoralty fees	56.75	
	37.770.12	
Loan of J Fleming from Amt paid by Banks &c Commutation of Tax, On acct without Interest	15.000.	
		52.770.12

64 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton	Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibbert & Clark	D° 2nd "	645.75
Bleakley & Brown[er]	D° 3rd "	645.75
Leek & Walton balc on Watching Banks in Wall St		3.43
Wm S Smith Collector city Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22nd Inst. & Expences		254.07

M Ulshoeffer Counsel Salary 12 Aug^t to 27 Oct^r	83.33
M Ulshoeffer Counsel charges, Costs &c	55.97
J Ritchie preparing Ammunition for Troops 25 Nov^r	54.59
B Fuller and three other Marshals on duty at City Hall 3 Decem^r	4.00
[254] J. Morton Clerk Expences paid for Hack hire &c	33.25
W^m Slosson Arbitrators fee case of John Ireland	50.
A Burtis Sup^t Alms House & officers Salary 2 mo	358.33
W Hooghland Keeper Penitent^y & 3 assist^s do do	358.33
C Brown binding 8 Laws of Corporation &c	8.37
James Morgan & Son Repairs mud machine	13.66
Editor of Evening Post Advertising Arrears of tax	50.
John S Livingston Remission of Costs on 4 lots of ground 10th ward Sold for taxes of 1821	40.
Editor of Commercial adv^r adv^g notices to tavern keepers	1.75
Aldⁿ Wyckoff Attending Sessions 24 days June & Nov^r	72.
Aldⁿ Hall do 24 July & Dec^r	72.
Aldⁿ Zabriskie do 12 Aug^t	36.
Aldⁿ Mann do 12 Sep^t	36.
Ald Taylor do 24 Sep^r & Oct^r	72.
Ald Mead do 72 June July Aug oct^r Nov^r Dec^r	216.
Lang Turner & co Printing for Board of Health	15.62
Editor of Evening Post do do	15.18
Editor of American do do	6.75
Joseph Bailey in full for medical Services	100.
James R. Manley do do	100.
John R Gelston Rent of House n Kips Bay for Hospital	100.
Jacob Morton translating & Printing treatise on Interments	250.
Isaac Laurence Assessm^t paid for Canal St Sewer	873.68
W^m Paulding Jun^r do do	395.81
Ab^m Coddington do do	243.12
W^m Burtsell do do	168.34
Benjⁿ Brewster do do	166.01
W^m Ogilvie do do	143.51
James Owens do do	113.49
James Ammerman do do	51.02
W^m J Waldron do do	31.78
James Scott do widening dover St	9000.
[255] Henry Overing do do do	7800.
Samuel Leggett do do	1900.
John Ireland bal reg^g Amity St	1020.62
A H Mooney reg^g & pav^g Thompson St fro Spring to Bleecker	350.
H Smith do do West from Barclay to Vesey	247.48
G Tucker altering and repairing Culverts in Canal St	208.03
James Pinkerton reg^g South St fr Dover to Roosevelt st	180.
R Pettigrew act pav^g side Walks in Elizabeth St	140.
Thomas Cumming deep^g Water Course thro' Pottersfield	14.12
Morris DeCamp Corpⁿ Assess^t Opening Beekman St	15426.
R Pettigrew bal on Well Amos st n Herring St	60.75

k Geo Lovett act fill^{g} at Battery	2500.
: Woodruff build^{g} Circular Wall at South End of	585.81
np Corp^{n} Assessm^{t} pav^{g} Marketfield St	307.24
abagh Extra Stone work at Battery Wall	212.25
klin Inspecting building of Wall 64 days	128.
ible Treas^{r} of Free School Soc^{y} annual paym^{t}	1500.
Roome Sup^{t} of Repairs for Fire Departm^{t}	861.
Room do Docks & Slips	439.
Roome do Repairs	300.
Roome do Markets	200.
Sup^{t} Alms House for City Burial ground	500.
do for Alms House	2000.
	$52643.85
Balance	$126.27

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[257] Special meeting In Common Council Dec^{r} 26th 1823

Present. The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie	John Webb
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	W^{m} Thorn
Jacob B Taylor	George Downing
Henry Mead	

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
tition and Remonstrance of Daniel Aim, Ebeneezer Cole &
habitants of & Electors in the Sixth Ward against the Return
the Inspectors of Said Ward of the Election for Charter offi-
l on the 3^{d} 4th & 5th days of Nov^{r} last by which Shivers Parker
rned as Alderman and Cornelius McLean as one of the Asses-
. alledging that as a number of illegal votes & more than con-
the Majority of said Shivers Parker & of Said Cornelius
were given for them at Said Election that therefore Sam^{l}
ence the opposing Candidate as Alderman Should be Sworn
e as Ald^{n} and George Tappen one of the opposing Candidates
sor Should be Sworn into office [258] as one of the Assessors
ming that the Said persons last named should be sworn into

office accordingly—Whereupon the Same being read was ordered to lie on the table

Ald Zabriskie Presented the following resolution which was adopted Resolved that Shivers Parker Esq^{r} the Candidate objected to in the memorial of the Electors of the 6th ward ought not to be sworn in until a Scrutiny take Place—This Resolution was afterwards reconsidered and the following proposed by Ald King was adopted

Resolved that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire what has been the practice of this Com Council heretofore in deciding conflicting Claims to a Seat in this Board and what ought in the opinion of the Said Committee to be the practice in Such cases The President appointed the following Persons to constitute the Committee Ald Zabriskie Hall Mann Thorn Ireland

A Return was made by Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights & Measures which was directed to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Common Council

A Return was received from C M Cahagan Collector of Arrears of taxes of Delinquents for Personal taxes [259] of the Year 1822 Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to be issued to Said C M Gahagan to collect the same.

His Honor the Mayor Stated that having agreeably to the request of the Common Council transmitted Copies of the Laws of this Corporation to the Municipalities of the Several Cities of the Union. He had received from Josiah Quincey Esq^{r} Mayor of the City of Boston Robert Wharton Esq^{r} Mayor of Philadelphia and [John] Geddes Mayor of the City of Charleston S. C. Copies of the City Laws of the Said respective Cities Whereupon it was Resolved that they be placed in the Mayors office of this City

The Law proposed to be presented to the Legislature for Enactment under the title of An Act to alter the Organization of the Common Council and which was at the last meeting laid for considerat^{n} was now called up, the first Section was amended & approved of. In Considering the 2nd Section which relates to the Election of Aldermen and which directs that they Shall be members of the Common Council of the Said City for three years Ald^{n} Mann moved to Strike out the word three " the question being taken thereon it Passed in the Negative Ald^{n} Mann having called a division the Members voted as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff King Hall Zabriskie. Messrs Bolton St John Parker. 8

Affirmative Ald McQueen Mann Taylor Mead Mess^{rs} Ireland Thorn Downing 7

[260] The remaining Sections were amended & approved. It was then moved that it lie for further consideration which was agreed to

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the York & Jersey Steam Boat ferry Company reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company to be accepted as Lessees of the Ferry to Powlus Hook according to the contract—entered into in the original lease with the individual lessees of that ferry and to be allowed to execute a Mortgage to the Corporation to secure the rent of the said Ferry. according to the stipulation contained in the original Lease and also to be allowed the same reduction of rent as was specified in a Report of the Finance Committee dated Octob^r^ 13^th^ 1823

Report that your Committee have had an interview with a member of said Ferry C^o^ since the subject was referred to them, and are inform'd that the Company are willing to conform to the terms of the said report of the 13^th^ October last except, that they wish to transfer one half of their Boats to the Corporation as a security for the rent of the Ferry in lieu of the personal security which was specified and held by the original Lease. and they offer as an Additional security, to pay One years rent in advance, Quarterly so as to be always in advance to the Corporation to the Amount of $1.500. After due deliberation the Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Corporation accept [261] of the One half of the Boats of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Co. to be Mortgaged to them as a Security for the rent of the Powlus Hook ferry which shall hereafter become due. and that the said Boats so Mortgaged to the Corporation shall be accepted as security for said rent in lieu of the personal security named in the said original lease, provided that the said ferry Company shall pay to the Corporation over and above the rent now due for said Ferry, the sum of $1.500 which is the amount of One Years rent as specified in the report. of 13^th^ Octob^r^ last, and provided also that the said Company shall continue to pay in advance annually during the continuance of their Lease the said sum of $1,500

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^m^ H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the several petitions of Amos Keeler, William Few. John De Ruyter and Samuel Norsworthy reported in their favour as follows viz.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Amos Keeler praying *praying* to be released from payment of personal Tax, of Wm Few, to be released in part, of Jno De Ruyter to be released in part, of Samuel Norsworthy to be released from payment of a tax on his Church in Rose Street.

[262] Report that Amos Keeler, Wm Few and John De Ruyter have produced Certificates from the Assessmen[t] which are attached to their several petitions in which they recommend that their petitions be granted & from examining Samuel Northworthy's Case they are of opinion that relief ought to be granted, Respectfully offer the following Resolution. viz,

Resolved, that the Collector refrain from collecting any personal Tax from Amos Keeler for the year 1823, that the Collector receive from Wm Few a personal tax on $3600, and that y[e] Collector receive from John De Ruyter a personal tax on $5,000 and that the Collector refrain from collecting any Tax on the Church belonging to S Northworthy in Rose Street and that they return the same in the List of Errors and Insolvencies of their respective Wards.

William Thorn Ch.
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Same Committee on the Assessment for a Well in Lombardy Street with objections thereto of Henry Laight reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the report of the Street Commr with an objection on account of the Sum allowed the Collector

Report.

[263] That they have had the assessors before them, and they State they are satisfied that the Sum allowed is just and proper Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Lombardy St. be confirmed

Signed Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was confirmed and M De Camp appointed Collector

The Committee on Assessments on the Petitions of George Bender & of James Thompson reported against the Petitions as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petitions of Major George Bender praying to be relieved from the Payment of a Personal tax he being in the Service of the United States and a Second Petition from James Thompson he being taxed in Dutchess County

Report

That they can see no good reason why Major George Bender Should be exempt from paying his proportion of the Expences of the City he enjoying all its benefits, as to James Thompsons Case they can see no reason to Change their opinion from their former report Respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to Grant the Prayer of the Petitioners

Signed Wm Thorn
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted.

[264] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Amendment to the Market Law reported as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred a Law to amend a Law to regulate the Public Markets

Report.

that they have examined the Law so amended and in their opinion it is a very proper and necessary one—they therefore beg leave to Submit it for the consideration of the Board

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John.

Whereupon the Law was passed under the title of "a Law to amend a Law to regulate the Public Markets.

The Street Committee on the resolution respecting Amity Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered to this Board for the Regulating Amity Street and for Curbing & Graveling the Side walks thereof to the Sixth Avenue

Report. that in their Opinion Such improvement to that Street is necessary and proper and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Amity Street be regulated and the Side Walks thereof be curbed and Gravelled from Broadway to the 6th Avenue. [26 and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance for that purpose and carry the provisions thereof into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Wm H. Ireland
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to open Third Street from the Bowery to the first Avenue together with the remonstrance of Mangle Minthorne against the Same Reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Third Street may be opened from the Bowery to the First avenue and also the Remonstrance of Mangle Minthorne against the Same

Report. that in their opinion neither Public convenience nor Individual interest require that Street to be opened for the present as it will not afford any direct communication between the improved parts of our City but on the Contrary will be attended with Serious loss to the individual owning the ground through which the Streets would be opened Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Samuel St John

[266] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Resolution respecting Mr John Ireland being permitted to take the Surplus earth from Amity Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution offered to this Board on the 15th inst.

"That Mr Ireland be authorised to fill up out of his Earth lying "on Amity Street and at his own expence the part of Said Street "ceded by him lying below the level of that Street and that he be "authorised to remove from Said Street any excess of Earth belonging to him not required for said purpose"

Report

That in their opinion Such permission ought to be given to Mr Ireland to fill up at his own expence that part of Amity Street which at present lies below the intended regulation thereof and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that John Ireland have permission to fill up and regulate that part of Amity Street which lies through his grounds out of the Surplus Earth in that Street Ceded by him under Such directions as Shall be given by the Street Comm^{r} in Conformity herewith

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

[267] The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side Walks in First Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Dubois & others owners of Buildings and Lots on First Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue praying that The Side Walks in that Street may be paved

Report

That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Side Walks of First Street be paved from the Bowery to the First Avenue and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Fifth Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of owners of the Grounds & Buildings bounded by Fifth Street between the 1st & the 3d avenue praying that that Street may be opened

Report.

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and as there are no buildings to be [268] Removed the Public will not be assessed for any part of the Expence your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Counsel of this Board take measures for having the same carried into Effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Commr presented the following ordinance

For Regulating the Carriage Way Curbing & Gravelling the Side Walks of Amity Street from Broad Way to the 6th Avenue which was passed and John Targee James Bleecker & Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors He also presented An ordinance for paving the Side Walks of First Street from the 1st Avenue to the Bowery which was passed & Francis Peckwell Abraham Dally & Benjamin Prince were appointed assessors.

Board adjourned

[269] In Common Council Decr 29th 1823

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
James Hall	Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Robert McQueen	John Webb
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor	Wm Thorn
Jacobus Dyckman	David Marsh
Henry Mead	George S Doughty
	George Downing

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Following persons were appointed fireman the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Engine N° 6.

David Tucker Cabinet Maker 45 Robinson St.
vice Thomas Rich resigned
John Moore Clerk Church St vice John M Lester Expelled

N° 14

John Collard Pump maker 277 Greenwich
vice Benjamin Wright resigned

[270] N° 19.

John J Sprouls Brass founder 237 Bowery
vice James *Mackerel* [Mackrell] resigned
Isaac Carpenter Grocer 38 Catharine
vice Henry Pessenger Expelled

N° 40

Peter Valentine Butcher 53 Allen st
vice Timothy Cornwell resigned

A Memorial of Sam^{l} A Lawrence & George Tappen was rec'd stating that understanding doubts are entertained as to the propriety of Swearing into office a Candidate whose seat is contested before a Scrutiny is had they express their Conviction that it is improper—& Pray to be heard by Counsel on that Point and also that the Scrutiny requested by the Citizens of the Sixth Ward may proceed immediately which being read was laid on the table.

The Special Committee to whom was referred to Report as to the practice heretofore pu[r]sued & which ought to be pursued on questions as to the Conflicting claims to a Seat at the Board reported as follows

The Select Committee who were appointed by a resolution of this Board at their last meeting to enquire what had been the practice of this Common Council heretofore in deciding conflicting claims. to a seat at this Board and what in the opinion of said Committee ought to be the practice in such cases respectfully offer the following report

The Committee deemed the three following points of enquiry to be embraced in the resolution [271] referred to them 1st That it been the practice heretofore for the Old Board to qualify the Member objected to? Answer! the Old Board have generally entered upon the Scrutiny and decided the question previous to the meeting of the New Board with *two* [the] Exception of two Cases Viz^{t} in Case of Roosevelt & Wendover & Gilbert Warner & Morton in Which former case members were qualified & Sworn in before the Scrutiny was had

2^{dly} Has the Scrutiny taken place before the Old or New Board?

Answer! it has usually taken place before the Old Board with but two exceptions viz^{t} those of Roosevelt & Wendover in 1801 and Gilbert Warner & Morton in 1803

3^{dly} How has the Scrutiny been conducted? Answer! It has usually taken place before the Common Council but in the Case of Douglass & Torry the Subject was referred to a Committee who reported to the Board and then the parties were heard by Counsel in the presence of the Common Council The Committee are of opinion that the Scrutiny ought to be heard before the Old Board and that the investigation ought to take place before the Common Council and not be brought before the Board through the medium of a Committee

James Hall
(Signed) Asa Mann
W^{m} Thorn

Which having been read was ordered to be put on file

[272] Mr Ireland presented a resolution in relation to the Contested Election of Mr Parker which was withdrawn to give place to the resolution proposed by Mr Doughty

The Recorder Presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Common Council may vacate the Seat of a Member of this Board if he be not duly elected notwithstanding such Member has been sworn into office & taken his Seat

Mr Doughty presented as a Substitute the following

Resolved that the whole Subject relating to the Election of Mr Shivers Parker be referred to the new Board and that it is inexpedient to qualify him until the objections against his taking His Seat be removed

The Recorder moved that the whole of the Resolution be Stricken out except the word "Resolved" in order to introduce the resolution proposed by him. the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative Ald Mann then moved that the latter part of Mr Doughtys resolution from the words "And it is inexpedient &c be stricken out which [was] also negatived.

The Question was then taken on agreeing to Resolution proposed by Mr Doughty and was carried in the Affirmative

Ald Mann having required the Ayes & Noes the Members voted as follows.

Mr Parker declining to vote

[273] Affirmative Ald Wyckoff; King Zabriskie, Taylor Dy^{k}
Messrs Bolton St John Ireland, Cowdrey, Webb Marsh Doug

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Hall McQueen Mann Mead Messrs Thorn Downing *7*

The Resolution proposed by His Honor the Recorder was then directed to be laid on the table for further Consideration.

The Following Communication from a number of the Citizens testifying their approbation of *of* the Improvements at Maiden lane & other parts of the City was read & ordered to be filed.

To the Honorable the Corporation

Gentlemen The Undersigned Citizens present their thanks to the Municipal Government of New York for the Splendid Improvements now Completed in Maiden Lane and other Sections of the City and beg leave to express their approbation of the Public Spirit displayed by Your Honorable body in improving our City.

J & C Suydam	71	Maiden	lane
Henry Jackson	71	do	do
John A Snyder ,	73	do	do
John A. Maison		do	do
Joseph Ch. Sprainger		do	do
Robert Stuart	75	"	"
John McIntyre,	79	do	do
R Pegg	81	"	"
Richard Sadler	82	"	"
[274] John Montgomery	85	"	"
Chas Wolfe	87	do	"
John D Wolfe	87	"	
Richard Kingsland	89	"	"
S Bishop	89	"	"
Robert Mc*Korky*[Coskry]	98	"	"
Willm Cox	91	"	"
J W Robinson	93	"	"
Josiah C Booth	93	"	"
Hyde Banta	95	"	"
Wm L Stone		"	"

The Minutes were then read and approved

This being the period appointed by Law for the Members newly elected to be sworn into office the Members and Officers of the Corporation as returned by the Clerk of the City and County elected to office at the late Charter Election appeared and were sworn into Office by the Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor with the exception of Shivers

Parker Esqr returned as Alderman from the 6th Ward whose seat being contested the Oath was not administered to him

For list of Members and Officers see page [168]

It was understood that Alderman McQueen would retain his seat at the Board untill the Election in the Sixth Ward was decided.

The Board was again formed as follows and the following business was transacted

The Honorable Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

[275] Aldermen	Asst Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Robert McQueen	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The following rules & orders were adopted for the Government of the Common Council in the transaction of Business at their Board

Rules & Orders
of the
Common Council of the City of New York
Passed Jany 1824

1st Upon the appearance of Five Alderman & Five Assistants the Mayor or in his absence the Recorder Shall take the Chair as President and the Members be called to order

II Immediately after the President Shall have taken the Chair the Minutes of preceeding meeting Shall be read by the Clerk to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Board

III. The President Shall preserve order and decorum and Shall decide questions of order subject to an *an* appeal to the Board

IV. The President Shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more

[276] 5th Every Member previous to his Speaking Shall rise from his Seat and address himself to the President

6th When two or more members shall rise at once the President Shall name the member who is first to speak

7th No Member Shall speak more than twice to the Same question without leave of the Board nor more than once until every member choosing to Speak shall have Spoken

8th No question on a motion Shall be debated or put unless the Same be Seconded. When a motion is seconded it Shall be stated by the President before debate and every Such motion Shall be reduced to writing if any member desire it

9th After a Motion is Stated by the President it Shall be deemed to be in possession of the board but it may be withdrawn at any time previous to decision or amendment.

10th When a question is under debate no motion Shall be received unless 1st to Amend it 2d To Commit it 3d To postpone it—4 For the previous Question 5th To adjourn

11th A Motion to adjourn Shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate

12th The Previous question until it is decided Shall preclude all amendments and debate on the main question and Shall be in this form Shall the main Question now be put

13th Every Member who shall be present when a question [is put] shall vote for or against the same unless the Board Shall excuse him or unless he be immediately interested in the question in which case he shall not Vote

[277] 14th A Member called to order Shall immediately Sit down unless permitted to Explain and the Board if appealed to Shall decide on the Case but without debate, if there be no appeal the decision of the Chair Shall be Submitted

15th All questions Shall be put in the Order they are moved except that on filling up blanks the largest Sum and the longest time Shall be first put.

16th Upon a division of the Board the Names of those who vote for and those who vote against the question Shall be entered on the Minutes if any two Members require it

17th In all the Divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the minutes the name of the Member calling for the division

18th No motion for Reconsideration Shall be in Order unless made at the Same meeting or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place except by unanimous consent.

19th All Appointments of Officers Shall be made by Ballot unless dispensed with by the unanimous Consent of the Board and the majority of a Whole number of the votes. Shall constitute a Choice.

20th No member Shall absent himself without the permission of the President

21st All Committees Shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Board Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board Shall report [278] a State of facts and also their opinion thereon in writing and no report shall be received unless signed by a majority of the Committee

22nd Whenever the doors are directed to be closed all persons excepting the members and Clerk of the Common Council Shall retire

23d His Honor the Mayor Shall be a member of all Standing Committees provided always that it shall not be necessary for him to sign any report and the majority of the Members of any such Committee exclusive of the Mayor Shall be sufficient to pass a resolution

24th A Motion for the Order of the day Shall take precedence of all other motions and is to be considered immediately after reading the petitions and original Communications

25th Every petition, remonstrance, or other written application. intended to be presented to the Common Council, is to be delivered to the Mayor or any other member of the Board on any day, but not later than 4 O'Clock on the day on which the Common Council convenes, except on extraordinary occasions, and the Mayor or other member to whom it shall be given, shall examine the same, and endorse thereon the name of the Applicant, and the substance of such application, and sign his name thereto, which endorsement only shall be read by the President unless a member shall require the whole to be read.

26th The Standing Committees shall be as follows

1, Applications for Office
2. Applications for Legislature
3 Assessments
4 Arts and Sciences
[279] 5th Canal
6, Charity
7. Ferries
8 Finances
9 Fire Department.
10 Lamps
11 Laws
12 Markets
13 Police
14 Public Lands & Places
15 Public Offices
16 Repairs
17 Roads
18 Streets
19 Watch
20 Wharves, Piers & Slips

Those on Applications, Arts and Sciences, Ferries, Fi

, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, and Charity, shall consist of three and thers five

By the Common Council
(Signed) J Morton

he President appointed the following Standing Committees for nsuing year.

Standing Committees for 1824.

Application to the Legislature
Mr Burtsell
" Hone
" Bolton
Aldn Taylor
" Mann.

2nd Applications for Office
Aldn Seymour
Mr Cox
Aldn Doughty

[280] 3rd Arts & Sciences
Mr Hone
" Conover
" Shearman

4th Assessments
Mr Coles
" Conover
" Woodruff

5th Canals
Mr Woodruff
" Coles
Aldn Seymour
" Parker
" Taylor

6th Charity
Mr Cox
" Burtsell
" Ostrander

7th Ferries
Mr Conover
Aldn Mann
" King

8th Finances
Aldn Ireland
" Zabriskie
" Wyckoff
" Munson
Mr Burtsell

9th Fire Department
Aldn Wyckoff
Mr Cox
" Conover

10th Lamps
Aldn Munson
" Ireland
Mr Ostrander

11th Laws
Mr Shearman
" Bolton
Aldn King

12th Lands & Places
Mr St John
" Ostrander
" Burtsell
" Shearman
Aldn Munson

13th Markets
Aldn Parker
" Ireland
Mr Bolton
" Woodruff
" Hone

[281] 14th Police
Mr Bolton
Ald. Seymour
Mr St John
Ald Doughty
" Munson

15th Public Offices
Ald. King
" Taylor
Mr Cox
" Coles
" St John

16th Repairs
Mr Ostrander
" Cox
" Woodruff

17th Roads
Ald. Doughty
" King
" Taylor
" Parker
Mr Shearman

18th Streets
Ald Taylor
" Mann
Mr Hone
" Munson
" St John

19th Watch
Ald. Mann
" Zabriskie
" Doughty
Mr Hone
Ald. Seymour

20th Wharves & Piers
Ald. Zabriskie
" Ireland
" Parker
" Mann
Mr. Coles

Special Committees

Battery
Ald. Wyckoff
" Mann
" Zabriskie
" Ireland
Mr Woodruff

Fever Hospital
Ald. Wyckoff
" Zabriskie
" Mann
" Taylor
Mr Woodruff

Water
The Mayor
Ald Wyckoff
" Parker
Mr Hone
" Burtsell

[282] A Petition of John M Lester a fireman belonging to Fire Engine C° N° 6 complaining of having been unjustly removed from said Company and praying to be heard before a Committee of the Board was read and refered to the Committee on the Fire department

A Petition of James Lynch was received stating that he had been by accident deprived of the use of his eye sight so far as to be unable to pursue any laborous occupation and praying to be permitted to have a Stand near Washington Market to sell Domestic Goods which being read was referred to the Market Committee.

An Invitation from the Officers of the Columbian Forum to the members of the Common Council to attend their public debate on tuesday Evening next was read and accepted.

A memorial of Frances Nicholson, stating that her House N° 82 William Street on which an assessment of $1374 has been paid for the improvement of Maiden Lane is actually damaged by the improvement to the amount of $2000 and praying redress, was read and refered to the Finance Committee.

A memorial was received from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Rope Walk in the 10th Ward complaining of the dangerous practice of persons collecting together and firing Guns around their dwellings whereby their lives are put in jeopardy was read & refered to his Hon. the Mayor.

[283] Alderman Zabriskie introduced the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Common Council will meet on friday at 10, O'Clock to investigate and determine the claim of Samuel A Lawrence Esqr to a Seat at this Board and that the parties interested be notified to attend on said day, and that they be heard by themselves or their Counsel. It is also directed that the Clerk serve a Copy of those Resolutions on the parties interested

The following Resolution was presented by Ald^n King and adopted.

Resolved that the president and Clerk of this Board be authorised and requested to issue process of subponea under the Seal of the Corporation to any witness to appear before the Common Council on the hearing of the matter of the petition of Samuel A Lawrence and George Tappan on the request of any party interested in that matter

The report of the Committee on the Fever Hospital together with the plan presented by them which was laid for consideration at the meeting of the Board on the 8th Inst. was called up and refered to that Committee with Authority to adopt that plan or any other that may in their opinion be advisable.

The Committee on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred the fixing a Cite on the ground recently purchased for that purpose and also to procure plans for the erection of a suitable Building

Report that they have given the several subjects referred to them that attention which their importance demanded. And after viewing the ground and consulting [284] Gentlemen of more experience than themselves have concluded to place the front of the building 90 feet east of the first Avenue and the North end on the South line of 24th Street.

The paupers and Convicts are at work clearing the Ground and preparing for the foundation by quarrying stone &c, Your Committee have prepared some sketches (which they herewith present) showing the length & breadth of the building which they recommend to the consideration of the Board

The size of the proposed building if considered merely as a fever Hospital will be much larger than may be necessary, but as in all probability it will be but seldom required for that purpose, Your Committee propose to have the Basement story fitted for the accommodation of Lunatics of whom there are now chargeable upon the public nearly 70, about one half of them are obliged to be sent to the New York Asylum at an expence of $2 per week for each; which is much more than they can be maintained for provided suitable appartments are made for their reception, All of which is respectfully submitted

Henry J Wyckoff
James Hall
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor

[285] Special Meeting In Common Council January 2nd 1824

Present. The Hon. Stephen Allen, President
Richard Riker Esq^r Recorder

Aldermen	Assistant Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St. John
William H Ireland	Phillip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Robert M^{c}Queen	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Shearman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Board met agreeably to adjournment in the Common Council Chamber and adjourned to meet immediately in the Sessions Court Room.

The Board being there assembled as above the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Parties in the Case of the Contested Election of Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward attended with their Counsel Mr Parker the returned [286] Candidate with Mr Hoffman & Maxwell his Counsellors, & Mr Lawrence the Claimant in opposition to Mr Parker with M^r Radcliff & Mr Emmett his Counsellors

The Mayor informed the Parties that the Board were ready to hear them.

M^r Maxwell rose & Stated that it became the opposite Parties to Show to the Board their objections to Mr Parker's being sworn into office for which purpose he now Presented himself

Mr Radcliff then opened the Case of his Client.

Mr Maxwell followed on the part of Mr Parker after Mr Maxwell had concluded Mr Emmet rose & Stated that as they were the Applicants, the privilege of making the last reply belonged to them

This was opposed by Mr Hoffman.

Alderman King then proposed that the opinion of Each member of the Board Should be taken as to which Party Should now Proceed

It was agreed that the opinion Should be taken by Ayes & Noes & those who considered that Mr Lawrence Should proceed Should Vote in the affirmative & those who were of opinion that Mr Parker should proceed Should be in the Negative.

The Members being called voted as follows

[287] Affirmative Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} Seymour, M^{c}Queen Mann Doughty, Munson Mr. Hone, Coles Conover, Cox Ostrander 11.

Negative. Ald Wyckoff; King Ireland Zabriskie, Taylor M^{r} Bolton, St. John Burtsell Woodruff Shearman. 10.

It being therefore agreed that the Counsel of M^{r} Lawrence should proceed, M^{r} Radcliff rose and in a speech of considerable length endeavoured to show the right of the Corporation to institute a scrutiny and to proceed in the present case on the grounds stated in the memorial of the applicants. After Mr. Radcliff had closed the Board adjourned for an hour, for the purpose of refreshment.

At the expiration of the period of adjournment the Board assembled again, the Members all present.

M^{r} Emmet then rose and enforced the Principles assumed by Mr Radcliff as to the right and Authority of the Board by Virtue of the Charter to enter into a scrutiny and of the propriety of granting it, and proceeding upon it in the present case.

He was followed by M^{r} Hoffman on the part of Mr Parker who contended that though while the votes of the Electors at Charter Elections were given viva voce, a scrutiny of the Votes might be had yet that by the Act of the Legislation instituting the mode of voting by Ballot, the System was wholly and fundamentally changed, and that no scrutiny could now take place of an Election so held and conducted but that the return of the Electors (except in Cases of fraud or misconduct in them) was final and conclusive

[288] The Pleadings having been closed Mr Doughty presented a Resolution which was read and laid on the Table.

The Board then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 12 OClock.

[289] Special Meeting In Common Council January 3rd 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Ass. Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff	Saml St. John
Elisha W King	Phillip Hone
William H Ireland	Joseph Coles
Thaddeus Seymour	William Burtsell
George Zabriskie	Stephen Conover
Robt. McQueen	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Thomas T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Board met agreeably to adjournment.

Mr Parker and Mr Lawrence attended with their Counsel viz Mr Maxwell, Mr Hoffman and Mr Price on the part of Mr Parker and Mr Radcliff, Mr Emmet and Mr Fay on the part of Mr Lawrence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Munson then presented the following proposition The Common Council having heard the parties in this case by their Counsel and maturely considered the whole subject submitted to them, are of opinion that the Board ought not to proceed further therein

[290] It was agreed that the Clerk should call on each member for his Vote on the proposition submitted, and the Member might assign his reason for his Vote, or not, as he pleased.

The Recorder then rose and assigned his reasons for the Vote he should give

Alderman King also assigned his reasons

As also did Mr Hone.

The other Members gave their votes without assigning reasons.

The Members having been called voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder, Aldn Wyckoff, Seymour, McQueen Mann, Taylor, Munson Messs Hone, Coles, Conover, Cox Woodruff, Sherman, Ostrander 14

Negative Aldn King, Ireland Zabriskie Messs St John & Burtsell 5

So the proposition of Ald Munson was carried in the affirmative

A Petition of Daniel Aim and other Inhabitants and Electors of the sixth ward was received stating that they protested against the of Shivers Parker as Alderman of said Ward and Cornelius as one of the Assessors thereof at the Election held in said Ward, because various irregularities and improprieties of conduct have occured in said Election, among them that Jacob Blanck and James Hannel were challenged as not being entitled to vote, and the Inspectors received their votes without tendering to them the Oath required by Law, and without the [291] Challenge having been withdrawn, further that one Ballot was given and found on the canvass headed Samuel A Lawrence and followed by the name of Stephen Conover as Assistant Alderman and by the names of the other Charter Officers which Ballot was not counted or allowed to Said Samuel A Lawrence. Also, that another Ballot headed " M^r^ Lawrence Alderman " and Containing the names of the other Charter Officers was not counted or allowed by the said Inspectors to Samuel A Lawrence as Alderman, And further that three persons viz Michael Wade, Charles McCartin and Owen Gaff*r*[n]ey who were Alians and whose votes being challenged, they refusing to take the Oath were refused by the Inspectors and were afterwards admitted by the Inspectors to vote, without having taken the Oath, or the Challenge withdrawn and that they Voted for Shivers Parker as Alderman, And further that on the Canvass and estimate of the votes each of the said Inspectors did not, nor did a majority of them see and read all the said votes, so that each of them or a Majority of them could know and assertain to whom such votes were given, and further that at the said Election, the Ballot boxes were so placed, as to give an*d* undue advantage by Means or the appearance of the said Ballots and the endorsements thereon, to the challengers who attended on the part of M^r^ Parker, over the parties on the part of M^r^ Lawrence, and further that there was disorder at and about the Inspectors during the Canvass In consequence of which the Inspectors sent for Watchmen who came & put out of the [292] Room in which the Canvass was made, all the persons there, whether Orderly or disorderly, except the said Inspectors and eight or ten persons besides and from thenceforth and to the end of the Canvass all other persons were excluded, and the same was not open or public, as required by Law, and further that other irregularities and misconduct took place at the said Poll during the Election so as to interfere with and prevent a fair and equal opportunity to the electors in giving their Votes at said Election, they therefore pray that the said Election be set aside and a new Election ordered for Charter Officers of said Ward or such other order as shall be agreeable to Law and Equity.

The same having been read it was proposed to go into the consideration of the same. The Counsel on the part of Mr Lawrence declar their rediness to proceed.

The Recorder then moved that Mr Parker be now sworn into Off and he moved a Resolution that the former Resolution of the Bo passed on the 29th of December declaring it inexpedient to admini to Mr Parker the Oath of Office untill the Objections against his tak his Seat be removed be rescinded. The Question being taken on th Resolution proposed by the Recorder it passed in the Negative. Th Ayes and Noes having been required the members voted as follows

[293] Negative Aldn Wyckoff, King Ireland Seymour, Zabriskie Taylor Munson Messs St John, Hone Coles Burtsell, Conover, Woodruff Sherman, Ostrander, 15.

Affirmative Mr Recorder McQueen, Mann Mr Cox 4

Alderman Ireland then presented the following Resolution which was adopted, Resolved that this board proceed to the Investigation of the truth set forth in the Memorial presented touching the improper conduct of the Inspectors of the late Election.

The Counsel on the part of Mr Parker requested to be furnish with a Copy of the memorials presented which was granted and the Clerk directed to furnish the same.

It was agreed that the following Oath should be administered to the Witnesses who should be sworn "You A. B. do swear, that the Evidence you shall give in relation to the last Election and Canvass for Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" so help you God.

The Board the[n] proceeded in the inquiry when Jonathan Stout was sworn on the part of Mr Lawrence.

Joseph M Thomas was also sworn on the same side.

A motion having been made for an adjournment, It was Resolved, that when the Board adjourn they agree to meet on Tuesday next 6th Inst. 10 OClock. A. M. for the purpose of proceeding in the Investigation of the Case now [294] before them.

On motion of Aldn King It was Resolved that the Counsel on the part of Mr Lawrence furnish to the Counsel of Mr Parker within Six Hours after the adjournment of the Board Specifications of such charges against the conduct of the Inspectors of the Poll of the 6th Ward as they mean to rely on in the Case now depending before the Common Council.

It was referred to the following Committee to make the necessary arrangement respecting meating on Tuesday next.

Viz Ald^{n} Taylor
Wyckoff
M^{r} Burtsell
Coles
St. John.

The Board then adjourned to meet on tuesday 5 OClock for the regular meeting of the Board.

[295] In Common Council January 5th 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen, Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Alderman	Ass^{t} Alderman
William H Ireland	Thomas Bolton
Thaddeus Sherwood	Samuel St John
George Zabriskie	Phillip Hone
Rob^{t} M^{c}Queen	Joseph Coles
Asa Mann	William Burtsell
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Conover
George S Doughty	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Thomas T Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Approved

A petition was received from Peter Schermerhorn stating for the opening of Beekman St he had been Assessed the Sum of $4061 & by the Same Assessment he is to receive about $14000 for property taken from him He therefore requests the sum he is to pay may be set off against that he is to receive—Which was referred to the Finance Comm^{ee}

[296] A Petition of Joseph G Swift Robert Adrian & James Renwick appointed to Prepare Profiles &c of the Streets and Avenues of the 9th ward Requesting that the Sum of $1500 may be placed at their disposal in order to the payment of Incidental Expenses of the Surveyors & their Assistants in performing the Services required of them which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Samuel Haskell for relief from an Assessment for a Well & Pump corner of Broad Way & 13th Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 19 for an alteration and enlargement of the Cylinder of their Engine was referred to the Comm^{ee} on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Catharine Street that the houses & Stores in the Street may be regularly numbered was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to Comply with the request

A Petition of Abraham Vermilyea & recommendation of Several Citizens in his favor for appointment to office of Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of the Committee of the Trustees of the Fire department Fund Stating that [297] the Provisions of the Law of 1823 on the Subject of Extending the Fire Limits is uncertain & the Clause which Provides for the distribution of the Penalties destroys the interests of the Department they request the Subject may be referred Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Memorial was received from the trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church remonstrat^{g} against the Law interdicting Interments within Certain Limits alledging that the same is contrary to a grant by the Corporation to the Church of Certain Grounds for the purpose of a Church & Burial Place and which has been occupied by them for a number of Years The Same having been read was referred to the Committee on Laws

A Petition of Thomas & Nathaniel Duggan Executors of Thomas Duggan dec^{d} was received Stating that on the 8th of Novem^{r} 181[illegible] the real Estate of Thomas Duggan dec^{d} was assessed the Sum of $701 for the Sewer on Canal St. that on the 7th of March 1821 one of the Petitioners paid the Said Assessment as appears by the books of the Collector & St^{t} Com^{r} that on applying to the Street Commissioner for payment of the Sam[e] agreeably to a late order of the Board he refused paying the Same without their Producing the Collectors Report which they are unable to do & praying a reference of the Subject Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

[298] A Remonstrance of George Lorillard & Isaac Lawrence against the payment of the Said Sums as requested by the Said N & Thomas Duggan as the Sums paid by the Duggans as Stated by them for the Assessment, was allowed to them on an Assessment for opening Mercer Street Whereupon the Subject was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Lovett for payment of Balance due him for Paving Grand & Division Street was ref^{d} to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Grove Wright & others that Sullivan Street be paved from Spring to Houston St. was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Noah Jarvis to be refunded the Sum of $41.66 which he over paid on the Assessment for Regulating & Paving West Street was referred to the Finance Commee

A Request of the Trustees of the N York City Dispensary for the usual allowance to the Said Institution of Five hundred dollars was read & referred to the Finance Committee with Powers.

A Remonstrance of Gilbert Coutant & others against opening Eighth Street & closing Art Street was referred to the Street Committee

The following Persons were appointed firemen [299] the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Wardens 1st Ward

Charles Rollinson Engraver 28 Pine st
vice Richard DurYea Junr removed

Hook & Ladder No 4

John Taylor Grocer 104 Pump St. vice Dennis Bennett Resigned

Engine No 7

William Elsworth Sail maker 13 North Moore St.
vice Peter Williams Resigned

No 9

John J Dawson Cabinet maker 51 Broad St
vice Wm S Mitor Resigned

No 12

James Cook Printer 29 Chatham St vice Stephen Lobbett Expelled
Rowland H Gardner Hatter 24 Chatham St
vice Wm F Hopson Resigned
Wm Manning Broker 22 Chatham st vice Robert Smith Resigned

No 18.

Scott H. Bowne Merchant 257 Pearl st
vice Rufus S Bergen Resigned

No 29.

Thomas M Blakely Painter Herring st
vice Martin Blanck Resigned
John Row Wheelright Perry St vice John S Willett Resigned

The Public Administrator presented his annual account Which was referred to the Finance Committee

[300] The Street Commissioner presented a communication stating that under the late Resolution of the Board respecting refunding monies paid on the Canal St assessment, difficulties arise as to whom the money was payable in consequence of a transfer of the property and requesting it to be refered to a Committee for instructions to him—It was accordingly referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances which was passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz.

No	1	Mrs Fowler	Occupt.	No 39	Anthony St	A Privy
	2	Wm Stoutenborough	Do	3	Burling Slip	Do
	3	W D Rand	Do	7	Do	Do
	4	Wm Cox	Do	40	Delancy St	Do
	5	J Abrahams	Do	146	Front St	Do
	6	J McClenahan	Do	147	Do	Do
	7	Js Casey	Do	174	Do	Do
	8	D. Wood	Do	6	Fulton Slip	Do
	9	P Schermerhorn	Do		Do	Do
	10	Nichols & Wood	Do	8	Do	Do
	11	Van Brunt & Doty	Do	10	Do	Do
	12	Woodhull & Smith	Do	12	Do	Do
	13	Rowland & Spencer	Do	14	Do	Do
	14	H Brady	Do	79	Do	Do
	15	G Wykes	Do	82	Do	Do
	16	J Wendel	Do	87	Do	Do
	17	E Mitchell	Do	136	Do	Do
	18	L Carpender	Do	166	Greenwich St	Do
	19	*St McIsaac* [St M Isaacs]	Do	168	Do	Do
	20	H Megrath	Do	35	John St	Do
	21	[301] S Dando	"	9	Maiden Lane	"
	22	M Riggs	"	47	"	"
	23	D Frazer	"	56	"	"
	24	G P Gratacap	"	82	"	"
	25	R Eaton	"	152	"	"
	26	J Barr	"	154	"	"
	27	A Niven	"	156	"	"
	28	S. Fouracres	"	158	"	"
	29	W. Wells	"	160	"	"
	30	Mrs Byron	"	162	"	"
	31	J Harris	"	164	"	"
	32	J Halstead	"	103	"	"
	33	Cushman & Falconer	"	188	Pearl St	"
	34	Hy H Schieffelin	"	193	"	"
	35	J. Little	"	216	"	"
	36	Z Hyde	"	218	"	"
	37	H Walworth	"	246	"	"

No 38	R Thompson	Occupt.	No 130	Water St	A Privy
39	M Cowhy	"	142	"	"
40	S Hazelton	"	147	"	"
41	C Wallen	"	175	"	"
42	S Monell	"	176	"	"
43	J Smith	"	192	"	"
44	A W Clawson	Owner		Rivington St	A Lot
45	Do	"		"	"
46	M Livingston	"		Suffolk St	"
47	A Lurre	"		Lawrence St	"
48	S Baker & C. W Sandford	"		"	"
49	T & G Lovett	"		"	"
50	R M Livingston	"		"	"
51	Wm Beekman	"		"	"
52	R. M Livingston	"		Broom St	"
53	Stn D Beekman	"		"	"
54	J Cox Junr	Occupt		Rivington St	A Privy
55	[302] A Taylor	"		Forsyth St	"

(Signed) Geo: Cuming Cy Inspr

The Attorney presented the following report

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports that Captain Jordon of the Schooner Ilsley; was written to, for not reporting his passengers, and that he afterwards reported and paid the Costs—Captain Clark of the Brig Bordeaux is a similar case in all respects, as is also Captain Eveligh of the Ship William—and Captain William Stevenson of the Brig Anna—In the Case of the Suit against Capt. Isaac Bassett, The Commissioners of the Poor agreed to discharge the Suit on the payment of \$62$^{50}/_{100}$ and the Costs and on removing the paupers, The money has been paid, but the paupers have returned to the City

In the three first named cases, the Attorney respectfully recommends the remission of the penalties, and in the last mentioned case he recommends that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell be Authorized to remit on such terms as they may deem proper.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Recommendation of the Attorney was approved and the fines remitted

[303] He also reported a Lease to Hannah Murray for Lot No 33 Com. lands which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented Certificates of Sales of Property sold for non-payment of Assessment which were ordered to be executed.

The Attorney herewith respectfully reports for Execution, Forty Nine Certificates of the Sale of the property hereinafter mentioned, which was sold for taxes of 1821, in pursuance of the Statue, by the Collector of the Arrears of taxes, on the fifth day of November A, D, 1823. Viz.

1st All that certain House and Lot of Land situate on the South side of Batavia St. between James & Roosevelt Streets and known as N° 11 Batavia Street, Sold to William L Simers for 25 Years from the 5th Novem^{r} 1825. for $29 5/100

2nd Also. all that certain lot of Land situate in the 5th Ward of the City of New York, on the North Side of Laight Street, between Varick and Hudson Streets, Assessed as belonging to John B Murray. Sold to John E Mowatt for 25 Years from 5th November 1825. for $34 28/100

3rd Also. All that House and Lot of Ground in the 8th Ward of the said City on the West side of the Bowery between Broome and Spring Street, Assessed as belonging to James R Stewart, Sold to Stephen Van Rensselear, for 1 Year from 5th Nov^{r} 1825 for $21 48/100

4th Also. All that certain other House and Lot of Ground in the said 8th Ward, on the West side of the Bowery between Broome and Spring Streets Assessed as belonging to James R Stewart [304] Sold to Stephen Van Rensselaer for 1 year from 5th November 1825 for $33 87/100.

5th Also. All that other certain House and Lot of ground situate in the 8th Ward, on the East side of Elizabeth St. between Prince and Spring Streets, Assessed as belonging to John M Nugent. Sold to Stephen Van Rensselear for 1 Year from 5th Novem^{r} 1825, for $20 83/100

6th Also, All that certain other lot of ground situate in the 8th Ward, on the East Side of Mott between Bleecker and Prince Streets. Assessed as belonging to unknown Owners Sold to Thomas Longworth for 18 Years from 5th November. 1825. for $15 18/100

7th Also, All that certain other Lot situate in the 8th Ward, on the West side of Mott between Grand and Broome Streets, Assessed as belonging to William Hoffman, Sold to John E Mowatt for 20 Years from 5th Nov^{r} 1825 for $16 07/100

8th Also, All that certain other lot, situate in the 8th Ward, on the West side of Mercer, between Bleecker and Amity Streets. Assessed as belonging to the heirs of A. F E Beekman, Sold to William J Cantelo for 35 Years from 5th Nov^{r} 1825. for $13 1/100

9th Also. All that certain other lot situate in the 8th Ward. on the East side of Wooster, between Canal and Grand Street. Assessed as belonging to Abijah Hammond. Sold to William J Cantelo for 25 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $15 48/100

10th Also, All that certain half lot of Ground, situate in the 8th Ward on the [305] East side of Wooster, between Grand and Broome Streets, Assessed as belonging to Joseph Deane, Sold to George Lovett for 20 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $14 85/100

11th Also, all that certain other half lot, situate in the 8th Ward, on the East side of Wooster between Grand and Broom Streets, Assessed as belonging to Joseph Deane, Sold to George Lovett for 20 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $14 85/100

12th Also. All that certain other half Lot situate in the 8th Ward, on the East Side of Wooster Street, between Grand and Broom Street, Assessed as belonging to Joseph Deane Sold to George Lovett for 20 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $15 48/100

13th Also. All that certain lot of Ground, situate in the 8th Ward, on the East Side of Lawrence St. between Canal and Grand Streets, Assessed as belonging to Robert R, Murray, Sold to George Lovett for 25 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $15 14/100

14th Also, all that certain other half lot, situate in the Eighth Ward, on the east side of Lawrence between Grand and Broome Streets, Assessed as belonging to J & G. Lovett, Sold to G Lovett for 15 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $14 19/100

15th Also all that certain House & half lot, situate in the 8th Ward, on the east Side of Laurens, between Grand and Broome Streets, assessed as belonging to James Brewer, Sold to George Lovett for 1 Year from 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 88/100

16th [306] Also. All that certain other lot situate in the 8th Ward, on the east side of Sullivan at the Corner of Amity Street, Assessed as belonging to John Jarvis, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 8 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $14 19/100

17th Also. All that Certain House and Lot, situate in the 8th Ward on the South side of Prince Street, between the Bowery road and Elizabeth Street, assessed as belonging to John M Nugent, Sold to Stephen Van Rensselear for 1 Year from the 5th of Novemr 1825 for $22 21/100

18th Also. All that certain other House and Lot situate in the 8th Ward, on the South side of Prince between Thompson and Sullivan Streets, Assessed as belonging to Robert Stewart, Sold to Sa Thompson. for 3 years from the 5th of Novemr 1825 for 19 88/100

19th All that certain other House and Lot, situate in the 8th Ward, on the South side of Vandam between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, Assessed as belonging to Benjamin Wells, Sold to James J Ryan for 5 years from 5th Novemr 1825. for $20 79/100

20th Also, all that certain lot situate in the 8th Ward. on the North Side of Hamersley between Greenwich and Hudson Streets Assessed as belonging to Trinity Church, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for 16 17/100

21st Also. all that Certain other lot situate in the 8th Ward, on the south side of Clarkson, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets assessed as belonging to Trinity Church, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 17/100

22nd [307] Also, all that certain gore of land situate in the 8th Ward, on the South Side of Bedford, between Downing and Hamersley Streets, Assessed as belonging to unknown Owners, Sold to P Kennison for 25 Years from 5th Novr 1825 for 18 15/100

23rd Also, all that certain house and lot Situate in the 8th ward, on the South side of Fourth and Corner of Thompson Street, assessed as belonging to Joseph Deane Sold to Job Furman for 5 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $15 86/100

24th Also. all that certain other House and Lot Situate in the 9th Ward in Nicholas William Street near the third Avenue, assessed as belonging to Francis Woodworth, Sold to David Whiting for 6 years from 5th November 1825 for $18 49/100

25th Also. all those certain nine lots situate in the 9th Ward, on the 2nd Avenue, near 117th Street, Assessed as belonging to Parker and *Rumssan* [Runyon], Sold to George Lovett for 40 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $13 70/100

26th Also all that certain Mill *seat* [situate] in the 9th Ward on the Harleam Road, Assessed as belonging to Robert McComb. Sold to John E Mowatt for 8 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $36 88/100

27th Also. all that certain House and Lot, situate in the 9th Ward. at Manhattanville near 115 Street Sold as belonging to Noah Jackson Sold to Elias Randell for 5 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $14 [illegible]/100

28th Also All that certain three acres of land, situate in the 9th Ward, at Bloomingdale assessed as belonging to Matthew Horne, Sold to [308] David Whiting for 17 years from 5th November 1825 for $17 18/100

29th Also all that certain four Acres of Land situate in the 9th Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed as belonging to James H[illegible] to Thomas Longworth for 14 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $24 85/100

30th Also, all that certain other 2 Houses and 2 lots situate in the 9th Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed as belonging to Matthew Hone, Sold to David Whiting for 2 years from the 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 68/100

31st Also. all those certain ten Acres of Land situate in the 9th Ward, on the Middle road near the 6th Avenue, assessed as belonging to Bradhurst & Field. Sold to Bradhurst for 7 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $18 68/100

32nd Also, all that certain other lot, situate in the 9th Ward, on the Fitzroy Road, Assessed as belonging to James Angevine, Sold to William J Cantelo for 75 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $13 24/100

33rd Also all that certain house and two Acres of Land, situate in the 9th Ward, on the West side of Broadway, assessed as belonging to J Mann Junr Sold to David Cudlip for 3 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $27 27/100

34th Also, all those two certain other lots, situate in the 9th Ward, on the West side of Broadway, assessed as belonging to George Mann, sold to Thomas Longworth for 18 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $13 88/100

35th [309] Also, all that certain other lot, situate in the 9th Ward on the 13th Street, assessed as belonging to Peter Smith, Sold to John McComb for 20 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $13 34/100

36th Also all those certain other 8 lots, situate in the 9th Ward on the Abingdon Road, assessed as belonging to Thomas Carbury, Sold to William J Cantelo for 25 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 81/100

37th Also all that certain House and 8 Acres of land, situate in the 9th Ward on Bava Island, Assessed as belonging to Augustus Sacket, sold to Thomas Longworth for 11 years for 5th Novemr 1825 for $18 64/100

38th Also all that certain lot of ground, situate in the 10th Ward, on the West side of Allen, between Broome and Delancy Streets, assessed as belonging to William A Hardenbrook, Sold to Thomas Longworth for 13 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 28/100

39th Also all that certain other lot situate in the 10th Ward, on the easterly side of Essex, between Broome and Delancy Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Cooper, Sold to Elias Randell for 10 years from 5th Novemr 1825. for $15 55/100

40th Also all that certain other lot, situate in the 10th Ward on east side of Essex between Broome and Delancy Streets, Assessed as belonging to Martin Hoffman, Sold to George Lovett for 20 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for \$15 $^{55}/_{100}$

41st Also all that certain other Lot, situate in the 10th Ward, on the east side of Arundel, between Stanton and Rivington Streets, Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston, Sold to George Lovett [310] for 20 years from 5 Novemr 1825 for \$15 $^{55}/_{100}$

42d Also all that certain other lot, situate in the 10th Ward, on the east side of Arundel, between Stanton and Rivington Streets, assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston, Sold to George Lovett for 24 years from 5th November 1825 for \$15 $^{55}/_{100}$

43d Also, all that certain other lot, situate in the 10th Ward, on the West side of Willet, between Stanton and Rivington Streets, assessed as belonging to Ralph Jacobs, Sold to James J Ryan for 19 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for \$14 $^{88}/_{100}$

44th Also all that certain other lot assessed as belonging to John J Plume, situate in 10th Ward, on the West side of Pitt between Stanton and North Streets, Sold to G W Winter, for 30 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for \$15 $^{55}/_{100}$

45th Also all that certain other lot, situate in the 10th Ward, on the east side of Columbia between Stanton and North Streets, Assessed as belonging to Robert S Livingston, Sold to William J Cantelo for 20 Years from 5th Novemr 1825, for \$14 $^{21}/_{100}$

46th Also all that certain other lot, situate in the 10th Ward, on the West side of Cannon, between Delancy and Rivingston Streets, assessed as belonging to William Edgar, Sold to George Lovett for 20 Years from 5th Novemr 1825 for \$14 $^{88}/_{100}$

47th Also all that certain other lot situate in the 10th Ward, on the east side of Cannon, between Grand and Broome [311] Streets, assessed as belonging to unknown owners, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 11 Years from 5 Novemr 1825 for \$15 $^{55}/_{100}$

48th Also all that certain other lot situate in the 10th Ward on the South side of Grand, between Arundel and Attorney Streets, assessed as belonging to Matthew Lynch, Sold to George Lovett for 18 years from 5th Novemr 1825 for \$16 $^{89}/_{100}$

49th Also all that certain other lot situate in the 10th Ward, on the north side of Grand, between Pitt and Willett Streets, assessed as belonging to Nathaniel Hart, Sold to George Lovett for 19 years from 5th November 1825 for \$16 $^{27}/_{100}$

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

The Comptroller presented his annual account which was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to cause the same to be printed.

Annual Report &c

The Comptroller has the Honor of presenting to the Common Council an*d* *account* of Cash received into the Treasury, and paid out by Warrants, from the 31st of December 1822. to 31st December 1823, inclusive, Also an account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and a Balance Sheet, for the same period

[312] Balance in the Treasury Decemr 31st 1822	$3084.81
Received do to Decemr 31. 1823	749.825.19
	752,910.00
Paid out by Warrants	724.449.73
Balance in the Treasury 31st Decemr 1823	$28.460.27
The Commissioners of the Sinking fund have redeemed during the Year Six Per Cent Stock	$24900.
" " Five Per Cent do of 1820	19400.
do do do of 1821	7000.
	$51300.
Total amount of Six per cent redeemed	$156.600.
Five per Cents of 1820	81500.
do 1821	48200.
City Stock Redeemed	$316.300.
Amount of 6 per Cents not redeemed	$713400.
5 per Cents of 1820	118.500.
5 per Cents of 1821	151.800.
	983.700.
Bonds issued from 3d of September to the 31st of December 1823	$94715.68
Total amount of City Debt Decr 31st 1823	$1078415.68

An advance has been made of $62524 for Canal Street Sewer which will be refunded with interest at a future period.

The whole of the Bonds which were due on the 31st of December 1822 have been paid during the past Year amount $117500 which together with $51300 city Stock redeemed in the Same period make a total of $168.800 cancelled in the Year 1823.

The Commissioners of the Sinking fund have purchased Stock from time to time on the most favorable terms as opportunity offered [313] and they have now a balance of $1219.04 agreably to the Annexed account.

The operation of the Sinking fund is annually producing a favourable result and by increasing the means of redeeming the City Stock whenever suitable occasions occur for purchasing the beneficial Effects of the System will be More fully developed

For this purpose it is respectfully recommended to appropriate the Net Proceeds of all Sales of Real Estate which belonged to the Corporation on the 5th day of May 1817 and hereafter to be Sold instead of twenty five per cent thereof as now established by Law. Also the amount of Commutation of Alien Passengers Mayoralty fees and some portions of the Revenue derived from Excise and tavern Licenses.

Certain proportions of Public Property from which an adequate revenue is not derived it is thought might be disposed of and the Proceeds Carried to Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

Some diversity of opinion exists on the propriety of Selling the Real Estate belonging to the Corporation and it is with a view of Eliciting the most correct course to be pursued connected with public Interest under existing Circumstances that the proposition is now renewed The disposal of unproductive lands in the Ninth ward sundry vacant lots in the City together with property under lease for a long term the avails of which might be advantageously used to the diminution of the debt is a subject deserving [314] careful examination and an intelligent decision It is also respectfully Suggested whether it would not be beneficial to dispose of the Public Docks & Slips in small Sections restricting the use of them to such vessels as now occupy them agreeably to an ordinance of the Corporation. This Subject having been adverted to in former Communications it is unnecessary to Enlarge at present

A Reduction of Expenses it is supposed could be made which would not be incompatible with the general welfare

The Complexity of this Subject precludes a minute detail in the present communication A careful examination of every particular expense in the Several departments under the Controul of the Common Council by a Select or Standing Committee would no doubt be Satisfactory to the public and beneficial to the interests of the City

Notwithstanding the present gradual abatement of the funded debt by means now in operation or the addition of further appropriation as before noticed yet the Substantial benefit to be derived from the Sinking fund can be only fully realised by restricting expenses to the *the* amount of ordinary receipts from Rents and taxes Experience has fully justified the conclusion that nothing Short of a Settled and permanent System of Finance can prevent an accumulation of debt and consequently an annual increase of [315] taxation and it is with a view of Seriously engaging the attention of the Common Council to this important concern that the Subject is with due respect presented

Some modification might be made in the Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes passed by the Legislature on the 23d April 1823 which would be advantageous for the City without being detrimental to the Interests of the State The uncertainty of the amount which may be realized from the Several Incorporated Companies by the present Effect of the Law prevents a correct estimate of the Tax which will accrue to the City and consequently renders any calculation of what Sum will Eventually be received into the Treasury from this Source vague and indefinite From a general view of the operations of the past and the probable demands which may be made in the current Year it is computed that no additional amount of tax need to be applied for the present Year.

As our municipal Concerns are annually Expanding and will assume a greater interest with the growth of the City; the wisest & best measures will be necessary to increase the public resources and avert an accumulation of our debt.

Various Plans of imprpvement have been suggested in Annual Reports and occasional Communications to the Board from this Department which it would be unfit and unnecessary to recapitulate. Such of them [316] as have a tendency to increase the revenue of the Corporation or lighten the Public burdens will doubtless receive that consideration which the Guardians of the City Shall in their wisdom judge to be expedient and Proper

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker.

Cash Account from January 1st to December 31st 1823 (both inclusive)

Dr For Balance in the treasury brought from 31 Decr 1822	$3084.81
Amount received into the treasury under the following heads vizt	
Street Manure	3458.52
Mayoralty fees	1910.52
Vendue Sales from State treasurer	10000.
Fire department Sales of Old Engines Nos 12. 17 29 & 31	1762.50

Interest account interest on bond & arrea[ra]ges of taxes Assessments &c		
Annual rents viz Water Lot rent	$8037.54	
Ground rent	26199.92	
House rent	3561.20	
Common land rent	2249.78	
Ferry rent	11282.43	
		51330.87
Police office Sales of unclaimed property and fees for two Quarters		2964.64
County Contingencies Sales of Property incumbering Streets Scavengers licenses &c		429.03
Justices Courts fees from the four district courts		10069.79
[317] Courts, fines from Sheriff district attorney and Clerk of Sessions and Keeper of City Prison		2777.86
Excise from Commissioner		10157.
Intelligence offices		125.
Intestate estates from Public Administrator		1363.82
Real Estate for Property Sold		919.35
Lien on Lots Reimbursements for Expenditures Correcting Nuisances		1047.15
Penalties received from Flour Inspector & atty for violations of the laws Respecting Flour Burials &c		1953.11
Wells and Pumps digging wells & making Pumps		4652.79
Docks & Slips Sale of old mud machine work done with new one and Rent		37935.74
Taxes received for tax of 1822 $264881.25 of 1823. 36350		301231.28
Arrears of taxes from Collector of Arrears		2703.17
Charges on do advertising Certificates and auction fees on property Sold		811.88
Streets Opening Widening Improving paving & regs		189296.22
Commutation for Alien Passengers		685.
Tavern licenses		10275.35
Bonds payable Amount borrowed on Six bonds		97300.
		$.752.910.00

Cr Amount paid by Warrants on the treasurer under the following heads Vizt		
Paid Alms House Bridewell & Penitentiary for disbursements by Superintendant	$77000.	
For Salaries of Superintendant Keepers & assistants Clerks & Physicians	$8018.16	85018.16
Watch		54649.93
Lamps, Oil, Superintending, Lighting and Repairing Lamps, Setting Posts		18992.81
[318] Fire department, Chief Engineer's salary making and repairing Engines and Hose and Ground Rent		8001

Interest Account. Interest on City Stock Bonds and Assessments...	80092.76
Salaries	19426.94
Repairs	7718.50
Board of Health	2579.54
Roads. Amount of Warrants to Overseer of Public Roads	4095.46
Common Schools and Charities	10308.89
Police office, Justices, Clerk and Assistant Clerks Salaries. Officers extra Services and Conveying Persons to City prison &c	7155.76
County Contingencies*	6228.46
Justices Courts. Salaries of the four Justices and their Clerks, and Room rent	9850.24
Courts. Recorder, District Attorney, Clerk Criers Salaries, Officers attending Serving Subpoenas &c	12275.30
Working Convicts, Amount of Warrants to Superintendent Alms House	5000.00
Printing and Stationary	3167.52
Elections, Inspectors, Clerks and Officers attending polls	806.00
Coroners fees	1479.67
Lien on Lots. for correcting Nuisances by filling in Lots, and making and repairing fences	1308.99
Bills of Credit, Amount Redeemed	30.63
Penalties, Attorney for Cost	53.07
Fulton Market. for drawings of & Surveying	104.50
Battery, on account for making Wall & filling in	34396.97
Wells & pumps. Digging Wells and making and Repairing pumps..	5432.58
[319] Docks and Slips, making and repairing Wharves & piers and working mud machine	22360.48
Taxes paid assessors and for completing tax Books	3928.
Arrears of Taxes, paid State Arrears for 1822	2077.32
Charges or Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, advertising Certificates and Auction fees on Sales	521.74
Streets. Opening. Widening, Improving. paving, Regulating &c	178322.21
Commutation for alien passenger*, for furnishing List of passengers	100.00
Tavern Licenses, Advertising, Clerk assisting to Issue, and officer attending	47.62
Bonds Payable. Paid Eleven Bonds to Mechanics Bank	117500.00
New Watch House. Balance for Building house and regulating and paving Streets	896.94
New mud machine, Balance for Building machine and a New Scow	4373.97
Markets, Clerks Salaries and Sweepers & repairing markets	4073.67
Errors and Delinquencies. Amount of Errors in Tax refunded....	18.20
Ferries, Tax on property at Hurl gate ferry	2.10
Fever Hospital paid for ground for Site, near Bellevue	2584.32
Essex Market paid for ground for Site on Grand St between Essex and Norfolk St	8800.00
City Burying Ground, Warrant to Superintendent of Alms House..	500.00
Balance in the treasury Dec^{r} 31. 1823	28,460.27
	752910.00

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* See next page.—ED.

* County Contingencies

Counsel for Drawing Laws, Deeds and Contracts, and Costs of Suit, Court fees &c.	1430.57
Laws of Georgia $6 Copies of Laws from Secretary of State's Office $7.37 postages $17.23	30.60
Coach Hire $319.42, Trees for park & planting 355.37. Water for Jail $30	704.79
Copper Measures $34.34 Removing Nuisances $160.77 Indexing Minutes Common Council $240	435.11
Surveys & Maps. including that for Common lands $791 Counterfeit Bills $12.50	803.50
Expences of Corporation at City Hall, cleaning Buildings &c.	751.71
Officers attending at City Hall 25th Novemr and 3 December	7.00
Preparing Ammunition for Troops 25th Novemr $54.59 Officers Sunday duty 79.50	134.09
Celebration of the 4th July $1004.50 Colours for 2nd Regiment of Artillery $176.59	1181.09
Fuel for City Hall & Watch Houses $700. Arbitration fees $50.	750.
	6228.46

From the 1st January to the 31st December 1823, Inclusive.

To Balance in the Treasury at their Credit as per last account, 31st December, 1822.	109.30
Amount of Receipts into the Treasury to their Credit since the above period, under their following heads viz.	
Real Estate. for property Sold	1962.50
Commutation of Water Quit Rent	1110.69
Ditto Land Ditto Wheat	400.
Water Lot Rent	1657.82
City Stock Interest	15930.50
Market Fees	10285.81
Market Rents	17328.51
Street Vaults	2505.08
Hack Licences	1101.
Pawn Brokers Licenses	300.
Dollars	52691.21

[321] 1823		By their Warrants on the Treasury for the following purchases of City Stock. viz.		
Jany	20	From Isaac Lawrence $1600 City (6 per Cent) Stock, at 103½ per Cent		1656.
Febry	4	Lyde & Walton $7000 City (6 pr Cent) Stock at 102½ pr Ct.	$7175.	
		Brokerage	17.93	7192.93
March	31	Abraham Mitchell 2700 City (5 pr Cent) Stock of 1820 at 95½ pr Ct.	2578.50	
		Brokerage	6.44	2584.94
April	29	Ebenezer Dimond $4500 } Thomas Barrow 1000 } 5500 City (6 pr Ct) Stock at 100¼	$5513.75	
		Brokerage	13.78	5527.53
May.	7	Lyde & Walton 3000 do 101	3030.	
		Brokerage	7.57	3037.57
June	23	Benjamin Marshall 2500 City (5 pr Ct) Stock of 1820 at 97	$2425.	
		Brokerage	6.06	2431.06
July	21	do 4500 do 97½	4387.50	
		Brokerage	10.96	4398.46
Augt	7	Joseph Jackson 6000 do 96	5760.	
		Brokerage	14.40	5774.40
Sept	10	do 2200 do 97¼	2139.50	
		Brokerage	5.34	2144.84
Octor	9	do 1500 do 98¾	1481.25	
		Brokerage	3.70	1484.95
Novr	5	John Fleming Cashier 7800 City (6 pr Ct) Stock at 104¼	$8131.50	
		Brokerage	20.32	8151.82
Decr	16	Globe Insurance Company 7000 City (5 pr Ct Stock of 1821 at 101	7070.	
		Brokerage	17.67	7087.67
		By Balance in the Treasury at their Credit carried to New Account		1219.04
			Dollars	52691.21

[322] Total of Receipts by the Commissioners of the Sinking Funds, from its Commencement, August 23, 1823 to December 31, 1823, Inclusive.

For Water Lot Rents	$15901.32
Market Rents	41079.02
Market Fees	73616.96
Street Vaults	20286.34
Pawn Broker's Licences	5866.63
Sales of Real Estates	59957.58
Commutation of Land Quit Rents	250.
do Wheat do	4399.91
do Water Lot do	16694.16
Profit on United States Stock	987.14
Interest on do do	1800.
do City Stock	73293.83
do Defence Bonds	230.18
do Mechanics Bank for Balance in the Treasury	389.77
Hack Licenses	5850.
	320602.84

[323] New York Decem^r 31. 1823
Stephen Allen Mayor
R Riker Recorder
James Hall Ch'n Fin Com
Jn^o Fleming City Treasurer
G N Bleecker Comptroller
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

Invested in $156.600	City 6 p^r C^t	Stock	which	Cost	$188,933.36
81.500	5	do	of 1820	do	80,877.31
48.200	5	do	of 1821	do	49.573.13
And leaving a Balance in the Treasury of					1.219.04
					320.602.84

[324] His Honor the Mayor stated that he had Commenced preparing the Annual Statement he usually presented to the Board of the Fiscal and other concerns of the City but had been prevented by the late press of business from Completing it, but as it would be of Considerable length, and as the Board generally directed it to be published previous to its being read, he suggested whether it would not be expedient to direct it to be printed when completed, in the recess of the board, Whereupon it was Resolved that the Mayor be requested to direct the same to be printed as soon as he had completed it.

It was ordered that the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4^th and

Wards be added to the Committee on Streets in the Petition for the Opening of Banker Street

It was also ordered that the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward. be added to the Committee on Wharves on the petition respecting a Pier at the foot of Charlton St

It was ordered that the newly elected members be furnished with a Copy of the Laws of the State, the Ordinance of the Corporation, the Chart of the City, and Maps under the direction of the Finance Committee

The Comptroller reported as follows.

[325] Balance as pr Acct. 22 December	$126.27	
Recd for Streets	23634.	
Tax of 1823. 3. 4. 7 Ward	4.700.	28.460.27

86 Accounts Audited

Leak & Waldon Watch 1s Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75
Adolph Brower & J Conklin Costs of suit incur[r]ed as Watchmen	91.13
Wm J Waldron Assist. City Inspector 1 Mo. 1s Inst	47.25
Ob. Ayres do " " "	47.25
Astin & Cochran Messengers " "	54.00
C Gilman Keeper of Battery " "	34.88
A McCready do Park "	35.12
Danl H Magee do Potters field "	38.75
O Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward "	31.00
P Wright do 2 " "	31.
T Jeroleman do 3 " "	31.
N B Lyon do 4 " "	31.
Abm Ackerman do 5 " "	31.
Wm Kerr do 6 " "	31.
Benjn Fuller do 7 " "	31.
S Hutchings do 8 " "	31.
D Hubbard do 10 " "	31.
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Markt 1 Mo	68.50
John Bremner do Catharine " "	58.
George Duryea do Fulton " "	41.67
Richard Smith do Franklin " "	39.
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " "	38.59
Benjn Hicks Assist Board of Health "	47.25
J Pinckney do do "	47.25
Henry Post 24 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman	1628.10
G Snethen Supers & Lighs Lamps 1 Mo 1s Ins	787.40
[326] Robert Provoost repairing Lamps	111.82
N Holmes fodder for Horses of mud machine	49.01
J Hays expenses bringing two prisoners fro Philada	134.90
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder 1 Qr Salary. 1st inst	375.

Ald^{n} Wyckoff attending Court of Oyer & Terminer			nov^{r} 2 days	6.
Ald^{n} King	do	do	June 2	6.
Ald Mann	do	do	Sept. 4	12.
Ald Taylor	do	do	Sept 4	12.
Ald Mead	do	do	June & Nov^{r} 4	12.
The Mayor attending B^{d} of Supervisors			6 days	12.
The Recorder	do	do	2	4.
Ald Wyckoff	do	do	4	8.
Ald King	do	do	3	6.
Ald Hall	do	do	3	6.
Ald Zabriskie	do	do	5	10.
Ald McQueen	do	do	4	8.
Ald Mann	do	do	4	8.
Ald Taylor	do	do	6	12.
Ald Dyckman	do	do	1	2.
Ald Mead	do	do	4	8.
Peter A Jay am^{t} for Canal St^{t} Sewer Principal & int^{t}				14668.70
Stephen Vanrensselaer		do		827.46
James M^{c}*Ready*[Cready]		do		727.69
John McLeod Ex^{r} Estate of George Warner		do		406.56
James N Wells am^{t} for Canal St Sewer principal & interest				383.33
John Wood	do	do		273.95
Fred^{k} Ridabock		do		156.07
Agnes Anderson		do		146.76
John J Westerveltt		do		142.37
W^{m} H Wendover		do		140.58
James Ackerman		do		130.41
James Jenkins		do		127.80
Thomas T Woodruff		do		121.15
M Vanbeuren Ex^{r} Estate Danl Bowie		do		115.20
[327] John Aiken am^{t} Canal St Sewer princ^{l} & int^{t}				112.87
John Scoles		do		99.
Mary Jaques		do		51.11
John Riker		"		44.72
Christian Pullis		"		38.22
W^{m} Moore		"		35.76
John McWhinnie		"		34.70
Andw^{w} Zimmerman		"		32.
Balthazar P Melick		"		31.95
Samuel Simpson		"		30.58
Samuel Elsworth		"		25.57
Hannah Craig late H. Sell		"		25.56
John J Astor		"		25.41
John C Zabriskie		"		25.37
Joseph Seely		"		22.40
Joseph Whittey		"		19.41
Joseph Skillman		"		19.25
Andrew Zabriskie		"		12.77
John Gaffit		"		7.66

S Fargay acc^{t} reg^{g} & pav^{g} Marketfield S^{t} fr Greene to B^{k}Head......	350.
J Culbert do do Bleecker & Herring fr B^{d}way to Carmine	250.
J Bailey act pitc^{g} and paving Lewis st fr Arundel st to E^{t} river......	250.
Thomas Lovett Bal pav^{g} Grand st fr Arundel to E River............	121.85
R Pettigrew bal for Well in Greene St n^{r} Prince....................	60.75
	26386.06
Balance........	$2074.21

Board adjourned
[328 blank]

[329] Special meeting In Common Council, Jan^{y} 6th 1824

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
W^{m} H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	W^{m} Burtsell
Robert McQueen	Stephen Connover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Parties appeared by their Counsel as at the meeting of the 3^{d} inst^{t}

The Minutes of the meeting on the 3^{d} were then read for the Satisfaction of the parties and no objections were raised

Agreeably to the Order of the Board the Counsel on the part of Mr Laurence presented the following Specifications Viz^{t}

In the matter of the petition of and memorial of Daniel Aims & others to the Hon ^{ble} the Common Council of the City of New York

1st

That Cyrus Barber voted at the last election in the Sixth Ward for Charter Officers altho. [330] challenged and without having the oath prescribed by Law Administered to him and his vote was rejected for members of the legislature on the Same Challenge

2nd

That a person (believed to be one Horace Beers) voted at the Said Election for Charter Officers after the Poll was regularly Closed on the last day of the Election

3d

That Several persons were permitted to vote at the Said Election on the ground of having performed military duty and being equipped according to Law which Persons wer[e] not Equipped as aforesaid but obtained their Equipments from the Public Arsenal in this City under the Charge and Superintendance of Colonel Alexander M Muir Commissy Genl of military Stores for this State and that the said Col Muir was one of the Inspectors of said Election and that one of the Said persons to wit Richard F Hardie was also under age and being challenged as not being entitled to vote took the Oath in Such Case prescribed by Law but Qualified the Same by Saying that he was of age according to his indentures which qualification the Said Inspectors had no right to permit

4th

That in Consequence of the Disorder and Confusion which prevailed during the Canvas of the Votes of Said Election for Charter [331] Officers on the Evening of the last day a *a* number of Said Electors of Said Ward to wit Adam W Turnbull & others believing and apprehending the Said Canvas had not been Correctly made called on the Said Inspecrs the next morning and Requested that the Ballots for Charter Officers might be again Counted and Canvassed the said Ballots having been preserved by one of the Said Inspectors in the State in which they were at the close of the First Canvas and in the Same box and the Said Inspectors or a majority of them altho one or two of them appeared at first inclined to recount the Same, Refused the said request and declined to Count the said ballots a second time

Signed J Radcliff, on behalf of himself and the other Counsel for the petitions

The Board then proceeded in the investigation of the Memorials presented on the Subject of the Election for Charter Officers in the Sixth Ward when the following witnesses were examined on the part of Mr Laurence.

Oliver Knapp who was also cross examined by the opposite Counsel
Stephen McCormick who was also cross examined
Chas McCartin
John Wark. also cross Examined
Enos Baldwin also cross examined
Charles O.Connor
John Coffin also Cross Examined
The Board then adjourned for the Space of one hour.

[332] After the period of adjournment had expired the Board again assembled the members attending as before, and the parties and their Counsel also attending. The examination of Witnesses on the part of Mr Lawrence was proceeded in and the following Witnesses were sworn.

viz Alexander Shipend
Wm H McKesson
Joseph M. Thomas, sworn on the first day was examined
Joshua L Pell
Richard F Hardie
John Ward reaxamined
James Hardie

The Testimony being thus far rested on the parte of Mr Lawrence. Mr Maxwell in behalf of Mr Parker moved to examine Mr Everitt one of the Inspectors of the Election of the 6th Ward

This was objected to by Mr Radcliff on the ground that the complaint being against the Inspector, for improper conduct, they would be Witnesses on their own cause. The objections were replied to by Mr Maxwell Mr Price and Mr Hoffman who were answered by Mr Emmitt

The Subject was then considered by the Board and his Honor the Mayor, the Recorder, Ald King and Mr Hone gave their opinions on the question.

The Members having been called upon Individually to give their Vote on the Motion of Mr Maxwell voted as follows.

[333] Affirmative His Hon. the Mayor Mr Recorder Aldn Seymour, McQueen Mann, Taylor Doughty, Munson Mr Bolton. Conover Cox Woodruff Sherman 13

Negative Aldn Wyckoff, King Ireland, Zabriskie Mr St John, Hone Coles, Burtsell Ostrander 9

So the motion of Mr Maxwell was carried in the affirmative and

Nicholas C Everett was sworn and Cross examined

After Mr Everitts' testimony had been gone through the board adjourned untill tomorrow 10 O'Clock A, M.

[334] Special Meeting In Common Council January 7th 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen
Wyckoff, King, Ireland
Seymour, Zabriskie McQueen
Mann, Taylor, Doughty, Munson,

Assistant Aldermen
Bolton, St John, Hone, Coles
Burtsell Conover. Cox
Woodruff, Sherman, Ostrander

The Board met agreeably to adjournment, The parties appeared as before by their Counsel.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The following Witnesses were produced and sworn on the part of Mr Parker. viz

Henry Abel. sworn and Cross examined
Mr Everitt was Re[ex]amined
Alexander M Muir sworn & cross examined
Richd L Walker sworn & Cross Examined
Saml F Wilson sworn on part of Mr Lawrence
John Wark reexamined Do
George B. Thorp do do
John Coffin do do
Saml S Lawrence do do
Saml F Wilson Re-examined
Mr Everitt again Do
Saml F Wilson do Do
Richd L Walker Do
Alexr M Muir Do
[335] Mr Abell again Re-examined
Thomas Parker sworn for Mr Parker
Andrew Surre sworn on part of Mr Parker
Leonard Baum on part of Mr Parker
William L Smith Do Do
John Ritchie sworn on part of Mr Lawrence
Benjamin Birtsell on part of Mr Parker

The parties declared that they rested here as to Witnesses—

The Board adjourned for One Hour.

After the period of adjournment had expired the Board assembled as before and the parties attended with Counsel.

His Hon. the Mayor informed the parties that the Board was ready to hear them.

Mr Hoffman arose and proposed that the Counsel of the parties should be heard alternately.

Mr Emmett objected to this mode, alledging that the usual mode in ourts was for the Counsel of the Defendant to sum up and then to be llowed by the Counsel of the plaintiff.

Alderman Zabriskie then moved that the Counsel on the part of r Parker proceed and close their summing up, and that they then e followed by the Counsel of Mr Lawrence, which was agreed to.

Mr Price, accordingly arose and addressed the Board on the part f Mr Parker

Mr Hoffman followed him on the same side.

[336] Mr Maxwell followed him on the same side

Mr Fay then addressed the Board on the part of Mr Lawrence

He was followed by Mr Radcliff on the same side

The Board then adjourned untill to-morrow, ten Oclock.

[337] Special Meeting. In Common Council January 8th 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen, President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Asst Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Phillip Hone
Willm H Ireland	Joseph Coles
Thaddeus Seymour	William Burtsell
George Zabriskie	Stephen Conover
Robert McQueen	Jamison Cox
Asa Mann	Thos T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor	Alpheus Sherman
George S Doughty	Gideon Ostrander.
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment.

The parties met with their Counsil as before

The Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

His Hon. the Mayor informed the parties that the Board were eady to hear them.

Mr Emmett then arose and addressed the Board on the part of r Lawrence

When Mr Emmett had concluded, Alderman Mann after some bservations presented a preamble and Resolution, The same having een read, Alderman [338] Doughty moved that they be laid on the ble for further consideration which was agreed to

It was then Resolved that when the Board adjourn they will djourn to meet on Monday next at 5 O'Clock P. M

The Board then adjourned

[339] Special Meeting In Common Council. January 12th 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen, President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Asst Aldermen
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Robert McQueen	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Board met agreeably to adjournment, In consequence of the number of Citizens attending the Common Council adjourned to the Sessions Court Room

The Board being there assembled the members present as before the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Myer for License as a Cartman was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of William Pasman for Stall No 13 Spring Street Market was referred to the Market Committee.

[340] A Petition of James Heath for Office of Inspector of Weights & Measures, or any other office in the gift of the Corporation was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Albert Demarest Sexton of the North West Reformed Dutch Church for relief from a fine incurred by not reporting Interments in said Church, stating that he was appointed Sexton in that Church in August last. that there had been no Interments of any kind in the cemetery of that Church since his appointment, and he did not know that the Law required him to report, when there were no Interments.—The same having been read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James Dobbin praying remuneration for a fence destroyed by the firemen at a late fire in Banker Street was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Memorial from William L Cox and others soliciting that the privelege of selling meat by the Quarter within the bounds of the Markets may be still continued to persons hitherto engaged in t
ness was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The Resolution proposed at the last meeting by Ald^{n} Mann was now called up and being read was in the Words following, viz

The Common Council having fully and carefully examined the Proofs and Allegations of the Parties respectively upon the Memorial [341] of Daniel Aims and others, and having heard the Arguments of Counsil thereon, are of the Opinion that a Sufficient reason has not been shewn for sitting aside the late Election and ordering a new One. Therefore Resolved that the Prayers of the petitioners ought not to be granted—Resolved th*e*[at] Shivers Parker who has been returned by the Inspectors as duly elected the Alderman of the Sixth Ward be admitted to take his Seat and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to Swear him into Office, The Question being called on the first Resolution Alderman Mann required that the Ayes and Noes might be taken thereon. The Recorder on being called rose and gave at considerable length the reasons which induced the Vote he should give, The Members being called. voted as follows

Affirmative M^{r} Recorder Ald^{n} Wyckoff Ireland Seymour Zabriskie M^{c}Queen Mann Taylor Doughty Munson Mr Bolton St John Hone Coles Burtsell, Woodruff. Conover, Sherman Cox, Ostrander 20.

Negative Alderman King

[342] The Question was then taken on the Second Resolution and was carried in the affirmative. The Question was also taken on the preamble and agreed to.

Shivers Parker Esq^{r} then appeared and took the Oath of Office prescribed by the Constitution and charter which was administered to him by his Hon. the Mayor.

The Board then returned to the Common Counsil Chamber and were formed as before with the exception that Alderman Parker took his seat as Alderman of the Sixth Ward in place of Alderman M^{c}-Queen.

His Honor the Mayor then appointed Alderman Parker on the following Standing Committees, viz Chairman of the Market Committee and a member of the Canal, Roads Wharves Piers and Slips and on the Special Committee for Supplying the City with Water

*The Finance Committee on the Petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat ferry Company reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the

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* Marginal note reads *This Report of the Finance Com^{tee} was presented & agreed to on 26th Dec^{r} 1823 See page 260—but the Parties wishing an alteration the following Report Page 344 was presented by the Finance Com^{tee}—the Report of 26th Dec^{r} is inserted here by mistake—J. Morton Clerk.*—ED.

York and Jersey Steam Boat ferry Company to be accepted as Lessees of the Ferry to Pawles Hook according to the Contract entered into in the original lease with the individual lessees of that Ferry, and to be allowed to execute a mortgage to the Corporation to secure the rent of the said ferry, according to the Stipulation contained in the original Lease, and also to be allowed the same reduction of rent as was specified in a Report of Finance Committee dated October 13th 1823.

[343] Report that your Committee have had an interview with a member of the said Ferry Co. since the Subject was referred to them and are informed that the Company are willing to conform to the terms of the said Report of the 13th Octor last, except that they wish to transfer one half of their Boats to the Corporation as a Security for the rent of the Ferry in lieu of the personal security which was specified and held by the original lease, and they offer as an additional Security, to pay One Years rent in advance, and to continue to pay in advance quarterly, so as to be always in advance to the Corporation to the amount of $1.500. After due deliberation the Committee beg leave to Offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, That the Corporation accept of the One half of the Boats of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Co. to be mortgaged to them as a Security for the *of the* Pawles Hook ferry which shall hereafter become due. and that the said Boats so mortgaged to the Corporation shall be accepted as Security for said rent in lieu of the personal Security named in the said original lease, provided, that the said ferry Company shall pay to the said Corporation over and Above the rent now due for said Ferry, the sum of $1.500 which is the Amount of One Years rent as specified in the report of 13 Octr last. and provided also that the said Company shall continue to pay in advance annually during the continuance of their Lease, the said sum of $1.500

James Hall
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland

[344] The Finance Committee respectfully reported on the 26th December last, a report of this Committee was made on the petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company, and a resolution thereupon adopted embracing but a part of the prayer of the Petitioners a copy of which report is annexed, which omission renders it necessary to recommend the following resolutions to the consideration

of the Board in addition to that adopted on the said 26th Decemr last, and the following resolutions are accordingly submitted as requisite and proper that is to say.

First. Resolved That on the execution of the necessary lease by which the petitioners shall become substituted lessees in the place and stead of the present lessees of the ferry (agreeably to the reports of the Finance Committee of the 13th October and 26th Decr last) and upon the execution of the necessary Mortgage for securing the rent, this Board will accept of the same.

Second. Resolved. That the Counsel of the Board prepare the requisite papers and submit the same to this Board

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Frances Nicholson reported against the Petitioner as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Mrs Frances Nicholson, setting forth that by the improvement of Maiden Lane [345] she has been assessed 1374 Dollars benefit. Whereas she is actually damaged 2000 Dollars, and praying the board would take her case into consideration and grant such relief as may appear just and reasonable.

Respectfully Report, That they have duly considered the prayer of the petitioner, and although they are not prepared to contradict the truth of the Statement set forth in the petition, Yet they have no hesitation in giving it as there opinion, that this injury has not been sustained by any act of the Common Council and if the Commissioners had so egregriously erred the application should have been made to them, at the time of their advertising, when no doubt, the error would have been readily corrected, But for the Board to undertake to correct the errors of Commissioners, whom they did not appoint, and over whom they had no control, would be seting a dangerous president, and involving them in many difficulties, Your Committee therefore are of opinion that it would be improper to draw from the public funds for this purpose, under these impressions they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[346] The Law proposing an alteration in the City Charter was called up, read, postponed and made the Order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

The Clerk was directed to have the names and Residences of the members of the Common Council and of the Officers of the Board the Rules and Orders &c printed in the usual form.

Alderman Zabriskie gave notice that he would at the next meeting move that the Board go into the appointing of a person to fill the office of Mayor for the ensuing Year

Board adjourned to meet on Monday next at 5 Oclock p. M.

[347] In Common Council. January 19th 1824

Present The Hon. Stephen Allen Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Alderman
Elisha W King
William H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben Munson

Assistant
Thomas Bolton
Sam^{l} St John
Phillip Hone
Joseph Coles
William Burtsell
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox
Thomas T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman
Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the two last Special Meetings were read and approved

A petition of Peter Embury and others a Committee on behalf of the Grocers, stating that understanding an application is about to be made to the Legislature by the Common Council respecting Tavern Licences, they would give their influence to the passage of the proposed Law if the following provisions were included in it viz.

Selling without a Licence to be made a misdemenor punishable by fine or imprisonment

2d The office of Commissioner of Excise to be abolished

3rd [348] The Mayor and two members of the Common Council, one at least from the Ward in which the Applicant resides to give out Licences

4th The Price of Excise License to be in all cases five Dollars and to be exacted of all Store Keepers dealing in Liquors except the Importers and distillers which having been read was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition that two more Lamps may be placed in Grand St. one between Elm and Crosby Streets and one between Crosby St and Broadway was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition that Norfolk Street may be paved between Broome and Stanton Streets were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Riker praying relief from an assessment on him for opening Hudson Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from owners of Property in the vicinity of Hudson River praying for further accommodations for the North River trade and suggesting the propriety of establishing two Basins, one in the space between Robinson and Duane Streets and the other (to be appropriated exclusively to the use of vessels laden with Lumber) between Spring and Clarkson Streets which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Jacob Barker that a Judgement against him be cancelled of[f] Record he having paid the Costs thereof in conformity to a Resolution of the Common Council was read and referred to the Counsel.

[349] A Petition of Solomon King for relief from Taxes was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of H Underhill for a Cartman's Licence was referred to the Committee on Public Office

A Petition of Goulds & Banks, offering to supply State Laws to the new members was read and leave given to withdraw the Petition

A Petition of And. Zimmerman that a Chimney on a Lot on Desbrosses Street in a dangerous situation may be taken down, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 5th Ward with powers

A Petition of Henry Aaron for reduction of personal Tax on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of George Byron (by T W Brackett his Attorney) praying that an Apportionment may be made of the Assessment on two Lots N° 42 Fly Market and N° 198 Front St. for opening Maiden Lane he being one of the Heirs of said property which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Bartine to be appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of James B Requer for relief from Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A memorial from Gulian Ludlow and Thomas W Ludlow stating that they are owners of property adjoining on Potter's field situated between 4th St and Greenwich Lane and are desirous of making an Exchange for some ground of the Corporation was read and referred to the finance Committee

A Petition of Right Carpenter for appointment of Keeper of Potter's field was referred to Committee on Lands & places.

[350] A Petition of Jonathan Hall for office of Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A request of Edward Hitchcock contractor for Street Manure of 1, 2, 3 and 4 wards stating that a Notice has been sent to him from the Attorney of a fine having been incurred for not removing the Street Manure and requesting the subject be referred to a Committee was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A memorial from owners of property on Herring St. requesting said Street may be straitened from the Eastern and Western Side to its intersection with Christopher Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Richard Bedell for Stall N° 42 Catharine Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Wm Adams for relief from a penalty incurred by building Privies without having them surveyed agreeably to Law was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Catharine Rabourg for extension of time for payment of an assessment for opening Beekman Street was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs praying to be permitted to retain the sum collected by him for registering Dogs as a Compensation for his Servises which being read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Charles Gillman for Stall N° 14 Spring St Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of several Editors of news papers requesting that accommodations may be afforded them in [351] the Common Council Chamber to take Minutes of the proceedings of the Board for the purpose of reporting them in the public prints was presented, Whereupon Alderman King presented a Resolution on conformity with the request which was referred to the Committee of Repairs with authority.

His Hon. the Mayor stated that he had received from the Mayor of Baltimore two Copies of the Law of said City in elegant Bindings. Whereupon the same was directed to be placed in the office of the Mayor.

He also stated that he had been served with an original Writ issuing out of the Court of Common Pleas of the City at the suit of Robert Morris against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to appear on the 3^{d} of Jan^{y} Inst. tested the 3rd Monday of Decem^{r} 1823 to answer to a plea of Ind*u*[e]bitatus Assumpsit for $100 money had and received and also to a plea of Ind*u*[e]bitatus Assumpsit for $50 for Interest and forbearance of divers sums of money Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel with direction to appear and defend the said Suit.

The Mayors Annual Statement of the Fiscal concerns of the City which had been directed to be printed for the use of the Members was called up and referred to the Finance Committee. The same having been read was as follows

Annual Statement of the City Finances

The Mayor begs leave to submit to the Common Council the following views of the City finances, together with an exhibit of the net amount of the receipts and expenditures [352] for the year 1823, and an estimate of the probable amount that will be paid into the Treasury, as well as the sums that may be drawn from it, during the year 1824.

The method persued in stating the several items of receipts and expenditures, has so frequently been explained in former reports, that it may be deemed unne[ce]ssary to bring it again under notice, but in order that the members who have lately taken their seats at the Board, may at one view Comprehend the plan adopted, the following explanation is submitted viz. All the Accounts that show a charge, both on the debit and credit side of the Cash account submitted by the Comptroller, *and* [are] charged on that side only which has the Balance in its favour, for example, the receipt for the commutation of Alien passengers is stated at $685 but there is a charge on this account of $100 paid at the Custom House for the Lists furnished of passengers arriving here in vessels bound to make an entry, which leaves the net receipt on this item at $585—And on the other hand, the Police office is charged with Cash paid to that department of $7155.76, but they are credited with cash paid into the Treasury $2964.64 leaving the net expenditure at $4191.12. For a particular specification of the method pursued in stating the whole account see page

By the report of the Comptroller, it appears that the gross amount of receipts into the Treasury from the first day of January 1823, to the first day of January 1824 including the balance remaining [353] on the first mentioned day, was	$752.910.00
And that their had been paid out by warrents during the aforesaid periods	724,449.73

Leaving the balance in the Treasury on the first day of January 1824

The receipts and payments for the above period, however upon the principle of stating the net amount or balances only were as follows. to wit

Receipts

For Balance in the Treasury Dec^r^ 31. 1823	3084.81
" Rents	51328.77
" Street Manure	3458.52
" Mayoralty Fees	1910.62
" Ven[d]ue Sales	10000.00
" Alien Passengers	585.00
" Tavern & Excise Licences	20.384.73
" Docks & Slips	37.935.74
" ‸Streets	10.974.01
" Taxes	298.201.07
" Intestate Estates	1363.82
" Licenses to Intelligence Offices	125.00
" Real Estate Sold	919.35
" Penalties recovered by Attorney	1900.04
" Justices Courts	219.55
Making a total of	$442391.03

Expenditures

For Alms House, Penitentiary & Bridewell	85018.16
" Watch	54649.93
" Fire department	6408.15
" Lamps	18992.81
" Interest on public debt	75.428.26
" Salaries	19426.94
" Repairs	7718.50
" [354] Board of Health	2579.54
" Roads	4095.46
" Common Schools & Charities	10308.[illegible]
" Police Office	4191.12
" Criminal Courts	9497.44
" Working the Convicts	[illegible]
" Printing and Stationary	[illegible]

For	Contingent Expenses	5799.43
"	Coronors fees	1479.67
"	Annual Election	806.00
"	Markets	12977.97
"	Repairing Docks & Slips	22,360.48
"	New Dredging Machine And Scow	4373.97
"	New Watch House	896.94
"	Lien on Lots for correcting nuisances	261.84
"	Wells & pumps	779.79
"	Bonds paid the Banks	20.200.00
"	Improving the Battery	34.396.97
"	City Burrying ground fence	500.00
"	Ground for Fever Hospital	2584.32
"	Redeeming Bills of Credit	30.63
"	Balance in the Treasury Jany 1. 1824	28460.32
	Making a total of	$442.391.03

The following Comparitive Statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the Last Year, with the actual result are introduced for the purpose of showing how near the calculations coincide with the expressed opinion, and in order that some explanation may be offered, and the cause pointed out, why there is a difference between the estimate and the actual result in some of the most prominent items.

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Receipts.

		Estimate	Result
For	Rents	45.000	51.328.77
"	Street Manure	3.200	3.458.52
"	Mayoralty fees	1.500	1.910.62
"	Vendue Sales	10.000	10.000.00
"	Alien Passengers	1.000	585.00
"	Tavern & Excise Licences	18.000	20.384.73
"	Docks & Slips	30.000	37.935.74
"	Arrearages on Streets	12.000	10.974.01
"	Bond due the Corporation	3.770	000.00
"	Taxes	330.000	298.201.07

The difference between the estimated and actual receipts are not very material, as it is principally confined to the items of Rent, and Docks and Slips, It will also be recollected that the Board determined that the taxes for the last year should be $300.000 instead of $330.000 as proposed by the estimation, which difference if deducted from the estimated receipts will bring the result considerably nearer the aggregate estimate, than it now appears The actual receipts have also been increased, as will appear by a reference to the Comptrollers account as collated, to the amount of several thousand Dollars, resulting from incidents which could not be anticipated, such as the receipts of fines under the burrying Law, the returns from intestate estates the Sale of real Estate &c

Comparative Views of Expenditures

	Estimate	Result
For Alms House &c	85.000	85018.60
" Watch	56.000	54649.93
" Fire Department	9.500	6408.18
" Lamps	25.000	18992.81
" Interest on Debt	80.000	75428.26
[356] Salaries	31.000	19426.24
Repairs	10.000	7.718.50
Board of Health	2.500	2.579.54
Roads	2.000	4.095.46
Schools & Charities	12.000	10.308.89
Police Office	5.000	4.191.12
Criminal Courts	12.000	9494.44
Justices Courts	1.500	000.
Working Convicts	3.000	5000.
Printing & Stationary	2.500	3167.52
Contingent Expences	10.000	5799.43
Coronors fees	1.500	1479.67
Annual Election	1.000	806.
Opening Beekman & Dover Sts	17.200	18404.59
Markets	7.000	12977.97
Repairing Docks & Slips	20.000	22360.48
New Dredging Machine	3.895	3873.97
New Mud Scow	600	500.
New Watch House	950	896.94
Bonds Payable	53.500	20.200.

The first material difference in the result is in the expenditure for the fire department, amounting to three thousand dollars less than the estimate, the cause of this is, the omission of the Superintendent of repairs, to deduct from his estimate of Last Year the probable receipts for old engines to be sold, the Lamps also, shows a less expenditure than was calculated, which may be readily accounted for, in the very low price of Oil during the last year, this account however, would have amounted to $20 267.31 had a bill for repairs, of long standing been presen [357] ted in time to have passed the Board at the close of the Year. Interest on public debt, The difference here is caused by the receipt of Interest carried to the Credit of this account, for money advanced by the Corporation on improvements in opening Streets &c, Salaries. After the estimate was completed on this item, it was deemed more expedient to carry the charge for the Salaries of some of the Offices to the Account of their particular department, such as the Salary of the Officers of the Alms House, Penitentiary, Police &c, which will account for the difference, between the estimate and result in this item. Justices Courts, This account is a Creditor for the first time since the origin of the present Courts, and is owing, as it is presumed to the authority given the Clerks, by the Common Council to sue for Arrears of Cost, which has augmented the receipts for the last year, more than two thousand dollars

The difference however, in the aggregate between the estimated disbursments and the result, will not appear very material, when the amount of Bonds still payable, and which will be provided for in the estimate of the present year, shall be deducted from the sum total of the estimated disbursements for the year 1823 as Stated above.

There has also been some additional expences, not contemplated at the time of making the estimate, which will at least Balance the extra receipts alluded to, but upon the whole, the results have terminated very favourably to the finances of the City, in as much as we have been enabled to make a considerable reduction in the amount of the City debt, which will be shown hereafter, to meet every demand upon the Treasury with promptness, and without inconvenience, and at the Close of the Year to leave a Balance [358] of rising $28.000 in the Treasury, that may be applied to the disbursment of the present year.

Of the City Debt.

The City debt consists of $900.000. bearing an Interest of Six per Cent per Annum, and $400.000 at an interest of five per Cent per Annum, making the total of funded debt	$1.300.000.00
The Amount of debt liquidated by the Sinking fund on the first of Jany 1823 was	265.000.
Leaving the Net Amt at that date	$1.035.000.

The receipts and disbursements of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund from the 1st day of Jany 1823 to the first day of Jany 1824 were as follows. viz.

Receipts

For Balance to Credit of Commissioners Jany 1. 1823	109.30
" 25 per Cent on real Estate sold	1962.50
" Commutation on Water Lot rent	1110.69
" Commutation on Common Land rent	400.00
" Rent of Water Lots	1657.82

For Market rents & fees	27.614.32
" Street Vaults	2.505.08
" Hack Licenses	1.101.00
" Pawn Brokers Licenses	300.00
" Interest on City Stock held by Commissioners	15.913.50
Making a total of	52.691.21

Disbursments

By 6 pr Cent Stock purchased	$1600.	
" premium on do 3½ per Ct add	56.	$1656.
" 6 pr Cent Stock purchased	7000.	
" premium on do 2½ per Ct add	175.	7175.
" Brokerage on do at ½ [¼] per Ct		17.93
" [359] 6 pr Cent Stock purchased	5.500.	
" premium on Do ¼ pr Cent add	13.75	5513.75
" Brokerage on Do ¼ pr Cent		13.78
" 6 pr Cent Stock purchased	3.000.	
" premium on Do 1 per Ct add	30.	3030.
" Brokerage on Do ¼ pr Cent		7.57
" 6 per Ct Stock purchased	7.800.	
" premium on Do 4¼ per Ct add	331.50	8131.50
" Brokerage on Do ¼ per Cent		20.32
" 5 per Ct Stock purchased	2.700.	
" Below par 4½ per Ct deduct	121.50	2578.50
" Brokerage on Do at ¼ per Ct		6.44
" 5 pr Cent Stock purchased	2.500.	
" Below par 3 per Ct deduct	75.	2425.
" Brokerage on Do ¼ per Ct		6.06
" 5 per Ct Stock purchased	4.500.	
" Below par 2½ per Cent deduct	112.50	4387.50
" Brokerage on Do at ¼ pr Cent		10.96
" 5 per Ct Stock purchased	6.000.	
" Below par 4 per Ct deduct	240.	5760.
" Brokerage on Do at ¼ pr Ct		14.40
" 5 per Ct Stock purchased	2.200.	
" Below par 2¾ per Cent deduct	60.50	2[illegible]
" Brokerage on Do ¼ pr Cent		

By 5 per C^{t} Stock purchased	1.500.	
" Below par 1¼ per C^{t} deduct	18.75	1481.25
" Brokerage on D^{o} ¼ p^{r} Cent		3.70
" 5 per Cent Stock purchased	7.000.	
" Premium on D^{o} 1 per C^{t} add	70.	7070.
" Brokerage on D^{o} at ¼ p^{r} C^{t}		17.67
" Balance to Credit January 1. 1824		1219.04
Making a total as above of		52691.21

[360] The following is the present State of the City Debt viz.

Funded 5 & 6 per cent Stock		$1.300.000
Funded 5 & 6 per cent Stock Redeemed by the Sinking fund at par Report of Jan^{y} 6th 1823	265000	
Redeemed between the first day of Jan^{y} 1823 & the 1st day of Jan^{y} 1824	51.300	
And leaving the net amount unredeemed at		983.700
The temporary debt consists of 5 bonds to the Mechanics Bank amount	78.300	
1 D^{o} Board of Health appropriated for building a Fever Hospital amount	19000	
	97.300	
From this deduct for 2 bonds due to the Corporation amount	1770	
Also amount borrowed on account of Canal Street Sewers amount	62524	
	$64294	33006
		$1.016706

Making the total amount of City Debt (funded and temporary) One million sixteen thousand seven hundred and six dollars which is seventy one thousand seven hundred and ninety four dollars Less than it was as per report of January 6th 1823

The balance against the temporary debt amounting as above Stated, to $33006 having been applied to the ordinary disbursements of the Corporation it is proposed that it be provided for from the receipts of the present Year and will be included in the estimates accordingly.

[361] The following Estimates are introduced in order that they may be referred to if necessary as a criterion by which the propriety of Some of the items of Expenditures may be judged.

1st Repairs and incidental expenditures for the public Wharves and Piers during the Year 1824.

For the probable cost of Repairs are estimated at	$10000
The probable cost of cleansing & deepening the Slips with the Drudging machine at	2200
	$.12.200

Note This Sum is carried to the debit of Wharves Piers & Slips

2nd Building & Repairing Fire Engines and other incidental expenses of that department during the Year 1824 to wit

For the finishing of three new Engines now in hand	1000
The building of two new Engines as per order	1600.
two Engines to be rebuilt	750
Repairing Engines the probable amount	1700.
Making Suctions Short lengths of Hose & Repairing	1000.
Fuel for use of the Several companys	125.
Oil for do do	75.
Repairing Engine Houses	300
New houses to be built for Engine No 10 15. 22. 30. & 37, probable cost say	2000
	8550

Note

This Sum is carried to the debit of the Fire department.

3d The probable Expense of building and repairing markets together with the disbursements to the Clerks Sweepers &c

[362] For Repairing markets during the Year 1824	$400.
Salary to the Clerks Sweepers &c	35.00.
Building Essex Market on the Lots lately purchased for the purpose on Grand st	1000.
Paving and flagging Do	1500.
	6400.00

Note the Sum as carried to the debit of Markets.

4th Canal Street Sewer

For Amount of money drawn from the treasury on this account and paid in addition to the receipts on the Assessmts to the Contractors	60337.24
Amount of Assessments including interest returned to claimants since the Assessments was set aside by the Supreme Court	2186.78
	$62524.02

Note. as the amount advanced from the City treasury for this improvement, will be realised when the new assessment now in the of the Commissioners, shall have been completed, it is proposed to continue it on Loan, together with all future advances for this object, untill the principal, together with the Interest and expences shall be reimbursed by those, who shall be deemed by the Commissioners to be benefited by the improvement.

5th Streets. Amounts received from improvements on Streets, more than what has been paid out, to wit.

For Beekman Street	$38.660.53
“ Canal Street regulating	1.536.58
“ Washington Street	16.68
“ Minetto Sewer	102.87
[363] Charlton Street	27.41
Grand Howard & Mercer Streets	193.97
Grand Street	123.85
Carmine Street	37.01
Division Street	118.66
Eight Avenue	14.75
Ninth Avenue	9.45
Green Street	35.78
Prince Street	119.61
Stanton Street	73.60
Elizabeth Street	9.35
Thompson Street	50.00
South Street	19.24
Lewis Street	50.33
Bleecker and Herring Streets	176.13
	41.377.80

6th Streets. Amount paid for improvements more than recd but which it is believed, will be collected during the present Year

to Wit. Canal Street	223.80	
“ Lien on Lots for filling	896.69	
“ Maiden Lane	4869.59	
“ Dover Street	2172.73	
“ Bleecker Street	22.47	
“ Fulton Street	51.37	
“ Grand Street	24.47	
“ Mercer Street	50.71	
“ Broom “	32.87	
“ Dey “	11.95	
“ Hudson “	174.10	8.530.75
		32.847.05
To which add, for repairing Beekman Street in front of the Fulton Market		300.00
[364] For repairing intersections of Streets during the year. 1824..		2.500.00
		$35.647.05

Note, this Balance of $35.647.05 will be carried to the debit of

Streets in the estimates of expenditures for that object during the present year.

7th The following sums appear from the Comptrollers books to have been paid, over and above what was received, upon assessments, placed for collection in the hands of John G Betts, the late Corporation Collector to wit.

Exchange Slip	$328.81
Chapple Street Sewer	1222.59
Lispenard Do	1111.42
Thompson Do	1735.12
Wooster Do	665.69
Hubert Do	314.83
Clarkson Do	231.89
Washington Do	24.02
Green Do	144.40
Hudson Do	203.90
St Johns Ally	142.50
Eldridge Street	16.92
Water Do	148.39
Gold Do	32.25
Oak Do	26.32
Batavia. Do	56.70
James Do	131.78
Grand Do	164.12
Howard Do	17.92
Grand [Broome] Do	101.44
	6.823.01

[365] For this sum of $6.823 a suit is now pending against the sureties of Mr Betts, but whether any, or what amount will eventually be recovered cannot be assertained, and it has therefore been deemed the most prudent course to omit bringing this sum into the calculations as a receipt during the present year

8th The following items are stated as subjects for the consideration of the Board, in order that, if it shall be determined to effect the completion of any, or all of them, during the present year, the expence may be added to the taxes, and not go to an increase of our City debt

To Wit.	For two Lots of Ground to be added to the piece of Land purchased by the Corporation for the Essex Market in the 10th Ward	$2000.00
	For paving with flagging Stone, the side Walks around the park	2600.00
	For erecting a fence around the piece of Land intended for a City Burying ground in the 9th Ward	[illegible]

For Building a pier of four blocks and bridges, to extend into the river 250 feet between James Slip & Roosevelt St.	11.500.00
For Building a pier of four blocks and bridges, to extend into the river 250 feet at Albany Basin	11.400.00
For Building a pier between Reed and Chamber Streets. of four Blocks and bridges to extend into the river 250 feet	11.300.00
Dolls	41.800.00

The annexed estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for the present year, are believed to be [366] as nearly correct as the nature of the materials upon which they are founded will permit, and they are therefore submitted to the Board with some degree of confidence that they will not vary essentially from the actual result, with this provision however, that the usual economy in the expenditure shall be adhered to.

The payments into the Treasury for the year commencing on the first day of January 1824, and ending on the 31st day of December, thereafter, are estimated to amount to the following sums, viz.

Receipts.

Balance in the Treasury January 1st 1824	$28.460
For Rents	50.000
" Street Manure	5.000
" Mayoralty Fees	1.800
" Vendue Sales	10.000
" Alien Passengers	600
" Tavern & Excise Licenses	20.000
" Docks & Slips	30.000
" Intestate Estates	2.000
" Intelligences Offices	125
" Taxes	300.000
	447.985

The disbursments for the aforesaid period are estimated to amount to the following sums, to wit.

Expenditures

For Alms House &c including Salaries	90.000
" Watch	55.000
" Fire department, see exhibit. 2	8.550
" Lamps	20.000
" Interest on Public Debt	80.000
" [367] Salaries	20.000

For Repairs	8.000
" Board of Health	2.500
" Roads	3.000
" Common Schools & Charities	11.000
" Police Office	3.500
" Criminal Courts	10.000
" Justices Courts	200
" Working the Convicts	4.000
" Printing & Stationary	2.500
" Coroners fees	1.500
" Annual Election	900
" Streets see exhibit 5 & 6	35.647
" Opening Housten Street	4.000
" Markets see exhibit 3	6.400
" Repairing Docks & Slips see exhibit 1	10.200
" Surveys for good Water	1.000
" Wells & pumps, repairing	500
" Contingent Expences	10.000
" Bonds payable	33.006
	$423.403
The probable balance that will remain on the 31st day of December 1824, appears to be	26.582
Making a total as above Dolls	447.985

The result of the foregoing estimates, are more favourable to the City finances, than usual, in as much as after making provision for every disbursement of the ordinary expenditures to be incurred by the Common Council for the year, and for at least two, that may be deemed extraordinary, a balance is left in the Treasury of $26.582 which may be applied to the further improvement of the City. Under these circumstances it is respectfully suggested, whether provisions might not be made for the [368] improvements detailed in exhibit Nº 8 by adding $20.000 to the amount of taxes, but which in fact, could hardly be considered as an addition, because the increase of taxable property in the City, will tend to prevent the per Centage, even with a larger addition than that named, from rising above what it now is, and consequently, the amount to be paid by the Cityzens individually would not be increased by the Opperation.

In the view of some, it may be deemed of very little importance, whether these annual statements are made or not, in as much, as the results rarely agree with the precise calculation, and cannot be expected to agree, under present circumstances But, what prudent man, in his private concerns will incur an expenditure of any magni untill he has viewed the subject in all its bearings, and from the best information he is able to obtain enter into a calculation of his probable receipts and disbursements, in order to meet all his engagements without embarresment or inconvenience, Now if it is of importance, that an individual should possess a knowledge of his income, in Order to the regulation of his expenditure, then is it of equal, if not greater importance, that this Corporation should be enabled to ascertain, from the best lights within their reach, the means by which they are to obtain the sums necessary for the ordinary and extraordinary disbursments of the year, The want of this information, together with the too frequent practice of entering upon expensive improvements, before the means were provided for their disbursments, has been the cause of much embarrisment in times that [369] are past, and has not a little contributed to the augmentation of the City debt.

The City debt in 1816 amounted only, to $600.000, but owing, principally, to the heavy demands upon the Treasury for improvements projected by the Common Council of 1814 and 1815, amounting to nearly half a Million of dollars, and the want of a regular system in making the calculations of the probable receipts and disbursments, and consequently an omission to raise the necessary amount of taxes to meet the extraordinary expenditures the debt has been increased to $1,300.000. It is true, we have a sinking fund in successful operation, which has absorbed more than $300.000 of this debt, but we must at the same time recollect, that the burthens of our tax paying Citizens are by no means lessened by this reduction, in as much as the Stock carried to the Credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund, bears the same Interest, as when it was in the hands of the original owners, which Interest, forms a principal part of the receipts of the Commissioners, the burthen must continue therefore, untill the debt shall be redeemed and paid off, or at least untill January 1827. when the Six per Cent Loan will be payable at the Pleasure of the Corporation and when it is hoped, that those who may have the administration of our City affairs, will be induced to disburse the whole of the Six per Cent Stock, by appropriating the then property of the Sinking fund to the Object, and supplying the defficiency with a new Loan, by which means, we shall be relieved from the payment of an Amount in taxes, of more than $30.000 Annually, nearly $80.000 of our present taxes are raised for the payment of interest—say 74.000 dollars for the Interest on the funded debt [370] and about 6000 dollars for the interest on money annually borrowed in anticipation of the taxes This is a serious incumbrance on our Citizens from which they ought to be relieved whenever the finances of the City or the opportunity for reducing a part of the debt will admit.

The doctrine that a public debt is a public blessing however beneficial it may be to the governments of Europe by attaching that portion of their population who hold property in the funds to the present order of things there cannot with propriety be applied to our Country or government, and is totally inapplicable to this City. A heavy debt will bring with it heavy taxes and whatever may be the blessings experienced by persons of wealth in Europe by the operation of this System we have no hesitation in avowing it as our opinion that a large portion of the population of those Countries are grievously oppressed by it The weight of taxation in all countries falls heaviest upon the middling and poorer classes of the people It is those [whose] income is just Sufficient to support their family's with decency or who are compelled to deny themselves some of the conveniences of life in order to their Support that feel the effects of taxation the most severely not those whose property or business will Yield an income Sufficient for all their wants and to Spare The true friends of the people therefore are those, who use every proper means to relieve them from that, which is so truly a burthen upon them.

[371] If the contributions of our Citizens were confined to the wants and disbursements of the Corporation only, the evil of the City debt would scarcely be felt, but, when we are subject to the impositions of the State Government (so recently experienced) and upon any emergency, shall also be subject to any tax levied by the United States Government, it behoves us to forego the blessings of a public debt, and to see that it be reduced instead of increased The doctrine also, that those who succeed us ought to bear a portion of the expense incurred for public improvements &c is not sound, because no man in his private concerns would act upon the principle here contended for, and I hold it to be a sound maxim, that the concerns of the public ought to be conducted with the same prudence, economy, and foresight, as those of an individual, who, by his active and prudent management, has placed his affairs in a situation that precludes the possibility of embarrisment to himself, or those that may succeed him.

The rule ought to be, that every public improvement for which an increase of City debt is incurred, should be only such as would net an income sufficient to pay the interest of the sum funded. There are many expensive improvements that have been effected, and some perhaps that ought to be effected, which might be placed wi aforesaid rule, among the former are the erection of Markets, public docks and Slips, and turnpike-roads, among the latter, the supplying of this City with good and wholesome water, No subject is of greater importance than this, and it is confidently believed, that could it be carried into effect, it would more than pay the interest of the sum to be expended. In every other case, it would be better that the amount required should be raised by tax at once, which would give our [372] Citizens an opportunity to judge of the propriety of the measures, and of acting towards the projectors accordingly.

In a report made to the Board, on the 22nd day of January 1821, it was suggested for the consideration of the Common Council, "Whether the disposing of the public docks and Slips, either in fee, or Subject to an annual quit rent, would not be a saving to the Corporation, and at the same time leave the public in the enjoyment of all the conveniences they now enjoy. 2. "And the same idea has been suggested by the Comptroller, in his report, presented to the Board, on the 5th of January instant, There is no property held by the Corporation, that has yealded so small an income as the public docks and Slips, From the year 1814 to 1820 inclusive, the balance was against them each year, and the expenditures over the receipts in the aggrigate, was $127,145. From the year 1821 to 1823 inclusive, the balance was in their favour, and the reecipts over the expenditures, in the aggrigate, was $24,685, leaving a balance against them for the last ten years of $102.280.

Whenever the Corporation make a new Slip, or by building additional piers, add accommodations to the Old ones, they in a greater or less degree improve the property of individuals laying in the Vicinity, and the same principal has opperated in the building of some of our Markets, but, when a Street is opened or improved, the property benifited is made to pay the expense, and why it should be so in the latter case, and not in the former, it is difficult to say. The reasons generally assigned, why the accommodations at our Slips should be increased, are, [373] that it is the means of bringing to our markets a much larger quantity of produce, than would be the case were these accommodations withheld, but it is at least doubtful, whether the small diffirence in the price of wharfage, between the public and private docks, would be the cause of preventing any part of the produce usually brought here, from being sent, for it is the interest of every man, to bring what he has to dispose of, to the best market, and where can he find a better than this City affords? This reason therefore, for the increase of these accommodations, is much more plausible than sound, and as a proof it may be affirmed, that the Common Council have rarely received complaints, that the accommodations are too limited, from the persons sending or bringing country produce to this City, neither have they often heard remonstrances from the masters of the Vessels imployed in the trade, except it be against the encroachments upon their right to a birth in the public Slip, by Vessels not employed in bringing the produce of the Country to the City, but the complaint, pretty generally, comes from the persons holding property, or doing business, in the Vicinity of the place where the improvement is requested, Self interest is a passion that is hard to contend with, and the industry and perseverance of those immediately interested, has effected much, and will continue to opperate, untill some method shall be adopted, that shall place the property subject to such influence, out of the reach of the Corporation, This may be effected, as it respects the public Wharves and Slips, without injury to the interests of our Citizens, or diminution of the revenew, by disposing of them, either in fee, or on an extended lease, subject at all times, to the regulation of the Common Council, The Subject is worthy the attention of the Board, and is therefore respectfully recommended to their deliberate consideration.

[374] It was also suggested, in the report presented in January 1821. Whether a method might not be adopted, by which the City Tax may be more speedily collected, and the expense of collecting considerably reduced, and examples were cited to show that the United States, in the Collection of the direct tax, had effected this object by the employment of a Single Collector, and also, that some of the Governments of our Sister Cities, had adopted a similar system, by which no inconvenience had been experienced, to the best of our knowledge. In January 1823, the subject was again presented to the consideration of the Board, and an attempt was made to show, that more than half of the present expense incurred for the collection of the taxes might be saved to the City. In the month of February following, the Committee on Public offices made a very abel report on this Subject, and recommended, in Substance,

1st That a single Collector be appointed to collect all taxes imposed on real and personal property in this City.

2d That the Collector be appointed by the Common Council at a stated Salary.

3d That he furnish the requisite Security for the faithful performance of his duty

4th That he hold his office at such place as the Common Council shall designate, and pay the money Collected, at such times as they shall require.

5th That the Common Council be authorised to Limit a period for the final payment of the Taxes, and to allow a discount to those who pay within the time limited, and to exact a Per Centage of those who neglect or refuse to pay within the said time.

[375] 6th That the Common Council be invested with full power to pass such ordinances respecting the collection of taxes, as they may deem beneficial and necessary

This report was confirmed by the Common Council, and a bill prepared to be submitted to the Legislature, but, on a reconsideration of the subject the application was abandoned, inasmuch as it appeared to be the opinion of a majority of the members, that its opperation would be oppressive, and inconvenient to that part of our population who reside at a distance from the City Hall, where it was presumed the Office of the Collector would be located, and for other considerations conclusive to the minds of the majority, the Subject was indefinitely postponed, The project having thus been disposed of. It may be deemed irrelivant again to bring it forward. but. I have been induced, from the consideration of the great inconvenience annually experienced, for the want of funds during four or five months of the Year, and the expence incurred by being compelled to borrow on an Interest, while the Taxes are due, and ought to be paid, to suggest for the Consideration of the Board, whether the plan of Collecting the Taxes by a single Collector. may not be carried into effect, with advantage to the City finances, so far as it relates to the three lower Wards only with authority to extend the principle to the other wards, whenever the Inhabitants shall require it. By adopting the plan thus far, some of the objections to the general plan would be obviated, and an experiment having been made of its utility, it might hereafter be applied to the whole City, or extended to other wards or abandoned altogether, as circumstances and experience would warrant.

[376] The whole of the matters treated on in this communication, are submitted, with great difference, to the Wisdom of the Common Council, with this single remark, that however feasible the several subjects may appear to my Comprehension, I am well aware, that objections may arise, and difficulties occur, when submitted to the united wisdom and experience of the Board, that has not presented themselves to my mind, they are only to be considered therefore, as suggestions, that I have deemed it my duty to make, without the most distant in-

tention of dogmatically intruding upon the good sense and discernment of the Common Council

Submitted by

Stephen Allen Mayor

Note, the following explanation is given of the method persued in stating the several items of receipts and expenditures of the year 1823. so as to show the actual balance of the receipts and expenditures, after deducting what is considered a proper charge upon the item, The subject will be better explained, by Compairing this Statement, with the report of the Comptroller, Submitted to the Board, on the 5th January Instant

Receipts.

For Balance in the Treasury Decemr 31. 1823			$3084.81
" Rents of Ferries		11.282.43	
" Common Lands		2249.78	
" Water Lots		8037.54	
" Ground rent		26.199.92	
" [377] House rent		3561.20	
		51.330.87	
Deduct tax on ferry at Hallet's point		2.10	51,328.77
" Street Manure			3.458.52
" Mayoralty fees		1738.77	
" Cartmans Licenses		171.87	1.910.62
" Vendue Sales			10.000.00
" Alien Passengers		685.00	
" Deduct charge from Custom House		100.00	585.00
" Tavern Licenses		10.275.35	
" Excise Licenses		10.157.00	
		20.432.35	
Deduct expense in issuing		47.62	20.384.73
Docks and Slips			37.935.74
Streets, amount received		188.296.22	
Do Cisterns in Streets		1000.	
		189.296.22	
Deduct. paid for Streets	$177484.34		
Do Do for Cisterns	837.87	178.322.21	10.974.01

Taxes 1822 & 1823 received		301.231.28	
Arrears of 1822 D^{o}		2.703.17	
Charges or Arrears D^{o}		811.88	
		304.746.33	
Deduct Arrears paid the State	$2077.32		
D^{o} Advertising Arrears	521.74		
D^{o} p^{d} for Errors in Assm^{t}	18.20		
D^{o} Assessors & tax books	3928.00	6.545.26	298.201.07
Intestate Estates, paid by Public Adminis^{r}			1.363.82
Licenses to Intelligence Offices			125.00
Real Estate Sold			919.35
Penalties paid in by Attorney		1953.11	
Deduct penalties remitted		53. 7	1900.04
Receipts from Justices Courts		10.069.79	
[378] Deduct Salaries of Justices & Clerks &c		9.850.24	219.55
			$442.391.03

Payments.

For Alms House Including Salaries		85.018.16
" Watch		54.649.93
" Fire Department	8170.68	
Deduct for Old Engines Sold	1762.50	6.408.18
" Lamps		18.992.81
" Interest on public debt	80.092.76	
Deduct Interest received	4.664.50	75.428.26
" Salaries		19.426.94
" Repairs		7.718.50
" Board of Health		2.579.54
" Roads		4.095.46
" Common Schools & Charities		10.308.89
" Police Office paid	7.155.76	
" do received	2964.64	4.191.12
" Criminal Courts. paid	12.275.30	
Deduct receipts from Sherrif. District Attorney Clerk of Sessions. and Cryer	2777.86	9.497.44
" Working the Convicts		5.000.00
" Printing and Stationary		3.167.52
" Contingent Expences	6.228.46	
Deduct receipts for Sales at public yard	429.03	5.799.43

Deduct Coroners Fees			1.479.67
" Annual Elections			806.
" Markets for repairs &c &c		4.073.47	
" Fulton Markets, paving		104.50	
" Essex Market, for 7 Lots		8.800.00	12.977.97
" Repairing Docks and Slips			22.360.48
" New dredging Machine & Scow			4.373.97
" New Watch House			896.94
" Lien on Lots. paid		1.308.99	
[379] Deduct Lien on Lots received		1047.95	261.04
" Wells and Pumps paid		5432.58	
Deduct Do Do received		4652.79	779.79
" Bonds paid the Bank		117.500.00	
Deduct Bonds borrowed of the Bank	$78.300.00		
Do borrowed of the Board of Health	19.000.00	97.300.00	20.200.00
Expended on the Battery Wall			34.396.97
Fence for City Burying Ground			500.
Redeeming Bills of Credit			30.63
Ground for fever Hospital			2584.32
Balance in the Treasury Jany 1. 1824			28.460.27
		Dollars.	442.391.03

(Signed) Stephen Allen

A. Petition of George Taylor and James Burling for remission of penalties incurred by Caspar W Eddy for not filling up lots No 732. 733. and 734 of Delancys farm lately the property of Dr Caspar W Eddy & also that a judgement against Said Eddy may be cancelled was referred to the Police Committee with authority

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 3

John Conrey coach painter 54 Broad St
vs Charles Gregory Resigned
Edward Ogden Harnis Ma. & Trimr 40 Beaver
vs Samuel R Warner Do
William H Wilson Coach paintr 40 Beaver St
vs Oliver L Clark Do

James Bonnet Coach Maker 52 Broad St
vs William P Harris Resigned
John Parker Carpenter 27 Bridge St
vs Cornelius Cammeyer Dº

[380] Nº 5

Samuel Acker Hatter, West nʳ Barkly St
vs Judson Hawley Dº

Nº 7

James M Rose Carpenter. Pearl St vs William F Hopson Dº
John Haslet Tinman Chatham & Chamber
vs Peter Mᶜ Cartee Junʳ Dº
William B Swift Comb Maker Chatham & Chamber
vs Robᵗ C Theal Dº
Otis Harrington Accountant Hester & Orange
vs Everit Marsh Dº
Matthias Conklin Carpenter. Elm near Howard
vs James Seguine Dº

Nº 8

Jacob F Bergen Merchant 442 Pearl St vs Danˡ Dietrich Dº
Jacob Imlay Accountant 464 pearl St vs Charles A Peck Dº
John R Odel Painter 2 Chamber St vs. Henry Riley Dº
Charles Cromwell Merchant 153 Chatham
vs George Went Dº
Isaac Carpenter Grocer 38 Catharine vs William B Swift Dº
William Mott Grocer 38 Catharine vs Thomas H Noble Dº
Isaac Gulick Merchant 62 Chatham St
vs Matthias Conklin Dº
James Young Cooper 52 Elizabeth St
vs Otis Harrington Dº

Nº 12

George Went 53 Chatham St vs Samuel Day
Henry Riley Musical Inst. Ma. 29 Chatham vs William Burras

Nº 20

Thomas Hopper Cooper 30 Lumber St
vs Thomas Hopper Resigned

Nº 36

Edward Watkeys Soap Boiler, prince St
vs Luke Conklin resigned

N° 37

Charles Denston Tailor 62 Roosevelt St

vs Francis Ennis Deceased

The Comptroller presented a Communication on Subject of agreement with Richard Furman respecting the Pin Manufactory a[t] Bellevue which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for Extending Fly Market Street Sewer into Maiden lane no objections having been made thereto which [381] was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also an assessment for Pitching & Paving Maiden lane with Objections of H Andrews thereto & recommended the confirming of the Same notwithstanding the Objections Whereupon the Same was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

Also an assessment for paving side Walks in Spring St which was confirmed and Noah Ja[r]vis appointed Collector

Also an assessment for pitching and paving North Street from Christie to Orchard St. which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

Also an assessment for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street near Washington St which was Confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed collector.

Also an assessment for regulating and repaving Front St between Counties Slip and Gouverneurs lane which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector.

He also presented a return of sundry delinquents Whereupon Warrants were issued to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

The City Inspector presented his annual Report of Deaths and Interments which was directed to be printed as usual for the use of the members

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board a Statement of the deaths in the City and County of [382] New York for the year 1823, amounting to three thousand four hundred and forty four, This number exceeds that of the preceding year, but is less than that of the year 1821

The Deaths by Consumption were Six Hundred and eighty three, The Males exceed the Females thirty nine in number.

The colored persons that died of this fatal disease, were seventy Six. The total of this Class of every complaint was four hundred and thirty two, being about an eighth of the entire deaths of the City.

The Yellow Fever menaced our City during the Summer months, but, owing to the vigilance of our public authorities, under the protection of Providence, its progress was soon arrested, one fatal case was only reported as such, which was brought here from *the* Havanna, by the Ship Diana, The fever cases, in general that terminated fatally were much fewer than those of the preceding Year.

Our infantile diseases that were fatal, were few, with the exception of Measles, which prevailed in every part of our City, One Hundred and Seventeen having died of that Complaint, whilst only one fell a victim to this disease the year preceding.

It is to be regretted that the Small Pox. or a disease very analogous to it, has made its appearance in our City, and still continues, eighteen persons died of this complaint in November and December, Its return after its having disappeared in this City, since July 1818, should urge with increased energy the practice of vaccination, which unquestionably has been very beneficial to mankind, and seems, in the present Instance to have mitigated this destructive Complaint, as fewer persons die of it, in the same [383] proportion, than formerly did, before the introduction of that valuable discovery

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) George Cumming City Inspector

An Annual report of Interments in the City and County of New York Commencing on the first day of January, and ending on the thirty first day of December, 1823, showing the Ages and Sexes of the persons who died

1823	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Men	80	63	71	87	86	70	90	101	106	89	77	87	1007
Women	73	59	60	59	57	35	49	80	67	68	57	70	734
Boys	46	58	73	61	43	60	135	158	100	96	63	62	955
Girls	38	44	47	46	49	40	108	106	88	77	49	56	748
Total..	237	224	251	253	235	205	382	445	361	330	246	275	3.444

The City Inspector also presented sundry ordinances for Correction of Nuisances which were passed.

lution respecting the flagging the Side Walks around the City Hall park. report that they have caused an Estimate of the expense to be made by which it appears that the whole will not cost a sum exceeding $2600—they are therefore of the opinion that public duty and convenience require the expenditure, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Side Walks around the Park be flagged; and that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be carried into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[387] (Signed) Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour and of Owners of Property on 8th Street respecting opening 8th St. and 5th Avenue Reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour and of the owners of property on Eighth Street from the third to the Sixth Avenue, and the Fifth Avenue from its commencement to Thirteenth St. praying that they may be opened. Report, that they have had the subject under their deliberate Consideration and are of the opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted. so far as it relates to the opening of the fifth Avenue, and Also of Eighth Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue only, as that part of the Street lying between the third Avenue and the Bowery is not required at present for public convenience or Individual Interest Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that Eighth Street be opened from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue, and the fifth Avenue from its Commencement to thirteenth Street, and that the Council of this Board take measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone

[388] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that Thompson Street be opened from Amity St to the fifth Avenue and that the Counsel of the Board *to* [take] measures for having the same carried into effect.

The Finance Committee on the request of the trustees of the New York City Dispensary reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary, requesting that the allowance of the Corporation, for the support of that Institution, may be made, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved. that the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant for five Hundred dollars, in favour of Lindley Murray Esq^{r} Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary.

Will^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Geo. Zabriskie
Reuben Munson
W^{m} Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the representation of Jos. G Swift Robert Adrian and James Renwick Commissioners *do* reported as follows. viz.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication of Gen^{l} Joseph G Swift [389] Robert Adrain and James Renwick Commissioners appointed by the Common Council, to fix and establish permanent regulations to certain Streets and Avenues in the Ninth Ward, in conformity with an Act of the Legislature respectfully report.

That these Gentlemen state in their Communication, that they had endeavored, but found it " impracticable " to obtain an Engineer who would undertake to make the necessary surveys and profiles for the completion of this work, and wait for his pay untill the assessment was made, and the money collected, they therefore pray that the board will place at their disposal fifteen Hundred dollars to meet the Contingent expences that may grow out of the performance of this undertaking, In order that the work may progress without delay your Committee have thought proper to recommend a compliance with their request, They therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved. that the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant in favour of J. G Swift, Robert Adrain and James Renwick for three

Hundred Dollars, and such other sums as may be required from time to time not exceeding the aforesaid sum of fifteen Hundred dollars, and that Interest be charged on such advances and be added to the Assessment

William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson
Will^{m} Burtsell,

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of T & N Dugan and of George Lorillard and Isaac Lawrence reported as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the petition [390] of T & N Dugan, the Petition of George Lorillard and Isaac Lawrence, and the representation of the Street Commissioner, in relation to the monies heretofore paid for assessments for building the Canal Sewer.

That your Committee have given to this Subject an attentive examination, and they also consider it most safe and prudent to consult Counsel on the Subject whose Opinion agrees with that previously given to the Committee by the Counsel of the Board, and is hereunto annexed. The substance of the opinion is, that the board ought to pay back to those owners of the property assessed for the Canal Sewer, who paid the Same or to their legal representatives the amount of the Assessment paid by them, In accordance with this opinion your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner under the resolution heretofore passed by this board, pay back the assessments according to the principle Contained in this report.

William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^{m} Burtsell
Reuben Munson.

Which Was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department on The Petition of Margaret Cunnigham and also on the petition of James Dobbin reported as follows

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petitions of Margaret Cunningham and James Dobbin, the former praying to be Compensated for her House which she States was pulled down by the Firemen at the late Fire (in Henry Street) for pose of preventing [391] the extension of said fire to the Contiguous buildings. The latter petitions that the Superintendant of repairs may be directed to replace his fence and the top of his Cistern which were destroyed by the firemen at the Fire on Banker Street Report.

That they have investigated the several Subjects referred to them and find that [in] the Case of Mrs Cunningham her House was completely inveloped by Fire and no exertions on the part of the firemen could prevent its destruction and therefore they were justifiable in pulling it down, but were it circumstanced as the petitioner represents, your Committee would not feel themselves warranted in recommending any compensation to the petitioner as the precendent would be pregnant with great evil by inviting similar Applications to an extent incalculable, If persons choose to risk their property without Insurance when it can be effected for so small a premium, they certainly ought not to expect any remuneration from the public in Case of loss.

In the Case of M^r^ Dobbin your Committee is constrained to say his property was destroyed by the firemen in an unnecessary and wanton manner. for which he has his remedy against them at Law, It would never Answer that the Corporation should be bound in justice or equity for the destruction of property by the firemen (except in cases provided for by the Law) who frequently Commit very unjustifiable acts on the property of Individuals without the least colour of law to warrant them and for which they must be aware, they are personally responsible to the extent, of any damage by them Committed. Your Committee therefore submit to the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of either of the above petitions

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Stephen Conover

[392] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted. It was also directed that the Report of the Committee be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Companies N° 10. and 19 reported. as follows

The Comittee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the petitions of Fire Engine Companies N^os^ 10 & 19 who pray that they may be furnished with New Engines, The former Company say their Engine is declared by the firemen to be unfit to be placed in a line with others of the same magnitude and their sequestered situation requi that they should be furnished with an Engine of Standard Size. N° 19 represents the Chambers in that Machine to be only 6 Inches whereas the Standard size is 6½ Inches, that only 14 Men can work at one time, whereas 18 men can work advantageously the Modern Engine, therefore under such disadvantages it is impossible for them to work to advantage when engaged in a line with other Engines. Report.

That the facts set forth in the above petitions are true and considering that after the above Engines are replaced with new ones of Standard Size, the whole number of Machines in the City will be of the same Capacity, Your Committee recommend that they be sold provided fair prices can be effected for them, and when Sold new ones may be substituted in their places, Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to dispose of Engines N° 10 & 19 at not less than $350 for the former and $450 for the latter

[393] Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Stephen Conover

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee presented a Communication recommending that the East Wing of Fulton Market which is unoccupied by Butchers be fitted up for Stores as the remainder of the Market will accommodate as many Butchers as ought to be placed there. The same having been read it was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Resolution was presented directing that the Revenue to be raised by the proposed Law for laying a Tax on Theatrical and other exhibitions be applied to the support of a House of refuge

Was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of Noah Jarvis for $\$44\ {}^{68}/_{100}$ being the amount by him paid into the Treasury through Error.

The following was also presented and adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant in favour of the Rev^{d} John Stanford for $300 being the Annual Stipend heretofore allowed him for his Servises at Bellevue.

On motion of the Recorder. Resolved that Alderman King be placed on the Committee for revising the Criminal Law

Alderman Zabriskie agreeably to the motion given at the [394] last meeting moved that the Board now proceed to the Election of a person to fill the Office of Mayor for the ensuing year, Which was agreed to.

Mr Bolton and Alderman Munson were appointed by the President Tellers of the Votes.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for the person to fill the Office of Mayor when on opening and Counting the Ballots it appeared there were for

William Paulding Jun^{r}	15 Votes
Stephen Allen	4 D^{o}
One Blank	D^{o}

Whereupon the President declared William Paulding Jun^{r} duly elected.

Alderman Zabriskie then presented the following Resolutions which was adopted.

Resolved by the Common Council that William Paulding Jun^{r} be and is hereby appointed Mayor of the City of New York in pursuance of the Constitution & Laws of the State of New York.

Resolved. that the Clerk of the Common Council inform Gen^{l} Paulding of his appointment by enclosing to him the above Resolution

It was then Resolved that when the Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 5 Oclock and that William Paulding Esq^{r} the Mayor elect be invited to attend at that time to take the Oath prescribed by the Constitution and Laws—The President appointed the following general Committee to wait on General Paulding and introduce him into the Common Council, Viz, Ald^{n} Zabriskie M^{r} Burtsell M^{r} Connover

[395] The Comptroller reported as follows. Viz,

Balance as p^{r} account 5th Inst	2074.71	
Rec^{d} for Streets	23634.	25.708.21

75 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton	Watch 1st District		813.75
Hibbert & Clark	D^{o} 2^{d} D^{o}		645.75
Bleakley & Brown*n*[er]	D^{o} 3^{d} D^{o}		645.75
Geo. B Smith Assistant St Commis^{r} 1 Q^{r} Salary 15 Inst			337.50
Tho^{s} Hewitt & son hire of Glass 4 July & 25 Novem^{r} 1823			17.86
Charles Ames & C^{o} Loan of punch bowls 4 July.		"	5.00
D. M^{c}Carthy 5 Gall^{s} Wine 25 Novem^{r}		"	16.25
Francis Many Sundry Groceries D^{o}		"	13.18
Ja^{s} Burnes & son Services	D^{o}	"	8.75
John Westervelt Carriage hire 26 & 30 Decem^{r}		"	6.50
M Ulshoeffer. drafting Laws, Certificates of Sales &c			266.50

J Hayes for Officers attending Contested Election 6th Ward	45.00
Z Homan Junr Duty on Sunday 1st Ward	1.50
David Lyman repairing Hose for Engines 15 July to 24 Decmr	620.36
Peter Ammerman Clerk 6 Markets 1 Month 1 Inst	50.50
John Dunn & sons making & repag Lamps 13 Novr 1820 to Novr 1823	1274.57
James Pinkerton Acct reg. & pav. Canal St from Church to Sullivan St	2000.00
J Culbert Acct reg. & pav Bleecker & Herring St. fr. Broad W[ay] to Carmine St	900.00
P. Hawes & Associates Commsrs fees & Expences Openg Beekman St	450.00
R Pettigrew Acct. Setting Curb & Gutter Stone Christopher from Washingn to Asylum	350.00
T Cummings Acct reg & pav. Bedford St from Benton to Christopher	300.00
A H Mooney Acct reg & pav Thompson St from Bleecker to Spring	268.00
J Bailey Acct. reg. & pav Lewis St from Delancy to 4th St.	250.00
James Pinkerton Acct pavg Side Walks Allen St from Grand to Stanton	250.00
T. Lovett balc reg. & pav. Division St. from Arundel to Grand	202.24
H Smith Acct reg. & pav. Prince St from Broad Way to McDougall	200.00
Thos Fairchild Inspecting pavements of Streets	156.94
N Jarvis Corporn Assesst Curb & Gutter Christopher St fr Washing[ton] to Asylum	115.79
[396] H Smith Acct reg & pav. Collister St from Beach to Laight	100.
J Mehan repaving Intersections 2. 3 & 4 Wards	68.04
J McComb. Do Do 1 Ward	55.42
T Lovett Interest on Assest reg & pav Division St fr Arundel to Grand	24.38
G Tucker repaig Culverts Canal. Chapel & Collect Sts	20.03
Danl Ewen Surveys 1 Qr to 1st Inst	273.81
Thos R Ludlum Do Do "	230.30
Estate A K Beekman Princpl & Intt Canal St Sewer	617.50
Chas Wilkes Do Do	389.08
Estate Wm Irving Do Do	365.37
Geer & Riley Do Do	319.74
George Wragg Do Do	294.30
Grove Wright Do Do	288.10
Estate of Thos Collister Do Do	276.60
Estate of Moses Jarvis Do Do	179.28
Christopher Milderberger Do Do	146.90
Joseph Hallett Do Do	97.37
Smith Lane Do Do	53.38

Jeremiah Yourman	Princp^{l} & Int^{t}	Canal St Sewer......	51.54	
John Pullis	D^{o}	D^{o}	51.03	
Alexander Gunn	D^{o}	D^{o}	47.62	
E S Lazarus	D^{o}	D^{o}	46.33	
Tho^{s} C Butler	D^{o}	D^{o}	43.55	
Dan^{l} Westervelt	D^{o}	D^{o}	38.42	
Margaret Kitchell	D^{o}	D^{o}	38.39	
John Stanford	D^{o}	D^{o}	36.02	
Stephen Westervelt	D^{o}	D^{o}	32.19	
Francis Child	D^{o}	D^{o}	25.76	
Pierson Halstead	D^{o}	D^{o}	25.57	
James M^{c}Brain	D^{o}	D^{o}	25.50	
David Heart	D^{o}	D^{o}	24.30	
John Ennis	D^{o}	D^{o}	21.63	
William Townley	D^{o}	D^{o}	20.59	
George Zabriskie	D^{o}	D^{o}	15.36	
[397] Elias Cook	D^{o}	D^{o}	15.33	
John Powell	Ditto	Ditto	12.89	
Peter Mabie	Ditto	Ditto	12.74	
J Gallagher Ball. Well Forsyth St. C Broom & Delancy...			94.38	
J Gallagher Ball Well Lombardy near Walnut St.........			93.10	
Geo Charlton Ball Well Lawrence near Prince St.........			49.50	
J Gallagher 1st paym^{t} Well Beekman near Pearl St.......			40.00	
Mechanics Bank Interest on 3 Bonds to 1st Inst...........			585.68	
Jacob P. Roome Super^{t} Repairs for Repairs.............			1347.	
J P Roome	Ditto	" Battery fences.......	267.	
J P Roome	Ditto	" pump department....	259.	
J P Roome	Ditto	" Fire department.....	127.	
Arthur Burtis Supe^{r} Alms House.......................			5000.	$22.459.50
		Balance.		$3.249.01

The Board adjourned

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OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 1824 TO APRIL 26, 1824

[1] Special Meeting. In Common Council. January 26th 1824.

Present. The Hon^{ble} Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam^{l} St. John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jamison Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
Reuben Munson	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting was disposed with.

The Mayor observed that this adjourned meeting was held for the purpose of swearing the newly elected Mayor into Office.

[2] Alderman Zabriskie rose and Stated that the Committee had agreeably to the Instructions of the Board waited on General Paulding, informed him of his election, and of the expectation of the Common Council that he would attend this evening to take the Oath of Office. that agreeably to the notification Gen^{l} Paulding was now in waiting in the Mayors Office. The Committee was then requested to inform Gen^{l} Paulding that the Board was in readiness to receive him, The Committee withdrew. and in a few moments returned accompanied by Gen^{l} Paulding, Alderman Zabriskie presented him to the Mayor observing that he presented William Paulding Jun^{r} Esq^{r} the Mayor elect for the purpose of taking the Oaths of Office prescribed by the Constitution, The Oaths of Office prescribed by the Constitution were then administered to him by the Hon. Stephen Allen in the presence of the Common Council. Mr Allen after, in a suitable address, Congratulating Mr Paulding on his election to the honorable and important station of Mayor of this great Metropolis and tendering to him his wishes that the duties of his Station might be agreeable to himself and be discharged in a manner useful and Satisfactory to his Fellow Citizens, handed M^{r} Paulding the Chair of the president of the Common Council, M^{r} Paulding then in an appropriate address expressed to the Common Council the high sense which he entertained of the honor confered on him by his election to the Chief Magistracy of the City. He assured the Common [3] Council that his best endeavours would

be ever used to promote the prosperity of our City and advance the happiness and comfort of our Citizens, but to effect these desirable ends he observed that he should rely much upon the good Sense, the information and experience of the members of the Common Council, and after paying a handsome acknowledgement to the late Mayor for his kind attention in acquainting him with the various duties relative to his present Station. he took the Chair and the following business was transacted.

A Petition of Charles Green Lessee of Cellars N° 1 & 2 Franklin Market wishing to rent the same for the ensuing year was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob F Cisco to be appointed Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Lawrence Dunn and Susannah Dunn for extension of time for payment of Assessment for improving Maiden Lane was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Similar Petition from Cary Dunn Jun^{r} was referred to the same Committee

A Petition from John G Betts confined in Prison at suit of the Corporation, praying a release therefrom on such [4] terms as may be deemed just was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Alexander Brown for Stall N° 4 Grand St Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Robert R Hunter and others proposing to lease for a term of years the Albany Basin, conditioning to build a Middle Pier &c &c was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 18. for a New Engine the present one being too small was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Samuel Nichols and Abraham Cargill that the Office of City sealer may be removed to a more convenient situation or an additional Sealer appointed was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of David Falconer for the Office of Keeper of Potters field was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of Johnson Chase for remission of Tax on Bethel School House was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Isaac Valentine lessee of Hay Scales. for time to pay the rent due was referred to the Finance Committee.

[5] A Petition of Francis Class for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Abraham Lafoy for Office of Keeper of City burial Ground was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A Petition of James J Titus for Stall N° 57. Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee.

An Application of the humane Society for some pecuniary aid was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Remonstrance from a number of Freeholders in vicinity of Fulton Market against the proposed occupation of the East Wing of that Market as Stores was referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Free School Society requesting the Corporation to unite with them in an Application to the Legislature for the Revision of the Law respecting the Free Schools in this City, was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature with Authority to report a Memorial and Bill.

A Petition of James Chatterton for Office of Keeper of Potters field. was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

[6] A Petition of W^m^ M Harrison for repayment to him as Assignee of Abijah Hammond the amount of Assessment for Canal St Sewer paid by said Hammond, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of John Edwards against allowing a Salary for preaching in the Alms House was presented and leave given to him to withdraw his petition.

A Letter from M. M, Noah, on subject of procuring a supply of fresh Water for the use of the City by boring in the earth to great depths. was referred to the Special Committee on Supplying the City with Water.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Chatham Square praying that Auctions in the Street at that place may be altogether prohibited, was referred to the Committee on that Subject

The Committee on petition of John B Requa reported as follows (Viz)

The Committee on Assessments respectfully report on the Annexed petition of James B Requea that the petitioner owns a House in the 8th Ward, in Spring Street which is partly used by charitable Institutions, free from the payment of rent, and which also yields a rent from the other parts thereof of about $160

[7] Your Committee believing that the Law does not intend to exempt property of this description from taxation, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Joseph Coles
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on petition of Sam^{l} Haskell reported as follows. viz.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Annexed petition of Samuel Haskell respectfully report, That they have attentively examined the circumstances of his Case as set forth in his petition but they are constrained on deliberate reflection to State that they are unable to discover any just grounds for a reduction of his assessment. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Joseph Coles.
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff
Henry J Wyckoff

[8] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the petition of paving Norfolk St reported as follows. Viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants, Owners and Occupants of property on Norfolk Street, praying that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Broome Street to Stanton Street, Report that they have had the Subject of their petition under their Consideration and are of the Opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam^{l} St John
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition for paving Sullivan St. reported as follows. viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Grove Wright and Others praying that they [9] may be permitted to regulate and pave Sullivan Street from Spring Street to Houston Street at their individual expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Report. that in their Opinion the requests of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed)
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam^{l} St John
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward on the petition of J. C. Ackerman reported as follows. viz

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward to whom was refered the petition of J. C Ackerman for a remission of a penalty incured by him for depositing Manure at the Corner of West and King Streets, beg leave to report that they have examined, and find that M^{r} Ackerman has removed the manure, and that the Complainant is satisfied they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the penalty incured [10] by J. C. Ackerman be remitted on payment of Cost.

(Signed)
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward on the petition of John Sloan reported as follows. viz.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward to whom was referred the petition of John Sloan, for a remission of a penalty incured for his not having completed the filling in two lots on Green Street by the time granted him in the Ordinance for that purpose. beg leave to report that they have examined the premises and find that M^{r} Sloan is building on said Lots and has filled them in to the satisfaction of the Complainant, they therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the penalty incured by John Sloan for not Complying with the Ordinance for filling in his Lots on green Street be remitted on payment of Cost.

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Tho^s T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Attorney on the petition of Jacob Barker reported as follows. viz

[11] The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jacob Barker, respectfully reports, that in the year 1823. a judgment was obtained against the petitioner as bail of Robert Swain. Captain of the Ship Lady Madison, for not reporting his passengers, and that Mr Barker afterwards executed a Special Bond, drawn up by the Counsel of the board, to indemnify the City in case any such passengers should become chargeable, Altho it appears by the Minutes of the Common Council, that the Counsel reported in favour of accepting a special bond, the form of which was afterwards approved by the board, yet the execution of the bond does not appear by the Minutes, nor any specific directions to the Counsel to acknowledge Satisfaction of the Judgment on payment of Costs—The Entry in the register of the late Counsel, however, States, that the board directed satisfaction to be entered on payment of Costs, and indeed the circumstance of a special bond being agreed to be accepted by the Board, would seem to lead to the consequence that the suit was to be settled on payment of the Costs

The late Counsel distinctly recollects that the bond was executed by Mr Barker, and his register shews that the costs were paid in March 1813, and he states that if M^r Barker had called within the year for a satisfaction piece, he would certainly have acknowledged the same, as such was considered by him to [12] be the perfect understanding between the parties,

Under these circumstances the Attorney of the Board recommends that his Honor the Mayor be requested to acknowledge satisfaction of the Judgment agreeably to the request of Mr Barker

Respectfully Submitted
Signed M, Ulshoffer

I believe the facts stated in the preceding Report to be entirely Correct

(Signed) D. S Jones

Whereupon his recommendation was ordered to be carried into effect.

The Attorney presented the following in relation to a Suit in Chancery by James Thompson against Daniel S Ebbits Collector of the first Ward

The Attorney of the Board, respectfully reports, that the enclosed Subpoena and Injunction in Chancery have been served on Mr Ebbets the Collector of the first Ward, The bill of Complaint is filed by James Thompson, to prevent any levy for his personal tax, either in this City or by the Collector in Dutchess County, untill the question is Settled as to which the tax is due and payable.

With respect to this suit, directions ought to be given to have it defended, and it is respectfully suggested whether the subject generally [13] ought not to be referred to a proper Committee, in order that they may consider as to the propriety of applying for the passage of a Law to avoid similar Suits in future

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Attorney was ordered to defend the Suit and the Subject was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition was presented by the Attorney to the Supreme Court for appointment of Commissioners for opening 5th Street from First to third Avenue, which was directed to be duly authenticated. as also such others as might be prepared in the recess agreeably to the Resolutions upon 8th Street and the 5th Avenue and Thompson Street

The Following Resolutions in relation to opening 5th Street 1st and 3rd Avenues was adopted.

I Resolved, That it is desirable for the public Convenience to open so much of Fifth Street as lies between the Third and First Avenues, the said Fifth Street being a Street laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled " An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes " passed April 3rd 1807, and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, [14] And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided

II Resolved, That the resolution of this Board on this Subject of the 26th December. 1823, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The following in relation to opening 8th Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue and to Open the 5th Avenue from its commencment to 13th St. was adopted

I Resolved, That it is desirable for the public Convenience to Open Eighth Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue, and also the fifth Avenue. from its Commencement to Thirteenth Street, the said Eighth Street and the said Fifth Avenue, being a Street and Avenue laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by Virtue of the Act entitled "An act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3rd 1807) and that the same is hereby Ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary applications to the Supreme Court for [15] the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in each of the above cases respectfully. in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

II Resolved, That the Resolution of this Board on this subject of the 19th January. 1824. be and the same is hereby repealed.

The following resolution to extend Thompson Street from Amity Lane to 5th Avenue was adopted.

I Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to extend Thompson Street from the Southerly line of what is called Amity Lane. between Bleecker and Amity Streets to the Fifth Avenue, according as said Street is designated and extended on a Map showing the property affected by the continuation of Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Streets at right Angles with Broadway, dated New York May 1817, made by Edward Doughty City Surveyor, and approved by the Common Council on the 26th May 1817, and filed in the Street Commissioners Office (The said Thompson Street being a Street in that part of this City not laid out into Streets, Avenues, Squares and public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the Act, entitled "An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets [16] and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3rd 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature. in such case made and provided.

II Resolved. That the resolution of this Board on this subject. of the 19th January. 1824, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Comptroller presented a Report on the Subject of Corporation property that might be disposed of, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that four Dollars per Diem be paid to the respective Aldermen for their attendance at the several Courts of Oyer & Terminer and General Sessions, to Commence from the first day of the last Sessions

Alderman King after some prefatory remarks expressive of his respect for the Character of the Subject [17] of the resolutions presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Common Council be presented to the Hon. Stephen Allen late Mayor of this City for the able and faithfull manner he discharged the arduous duties of that office—and that he be desired to sit for his Portrait to be placed in the gallery of Paintings in the City Hall

Resolved. that be a Committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect

The President appointed on that Committee Alderman King Mr Recorder Alderman Ireland

The Board adjourned to Monday 5 Oclock

[18] In Common Council February 2nd 1824

Present The Hon^{ble} William Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Joseph Coles
George Zabriskie	Will^{m} Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jamison Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Tho^{s} T. Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings were read and Approved.

An Account of Oliver Moss for refreshments furnished to Judges, Officers and Jurors of the Court of Oyer & Terminer in September last, was read, and ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant therefor \$40 $^{50}/_{100}$

[19] A petition in behalf of Hester Leonard for an extension of time to pay an Assessment for Opening Beekman Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Leonard for repayment of Assessment for Canal Street Sewer which was assessed on property of Elias Dixon, which property was Sold and said assessment paid by Petitioner which being read was referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority.

A petition of Owners in Bancker Street and its vicinity that said Street may be opened agreeably to the prayer of a petition now before the Common Council, was read and referred to the Committee on that Subject.

A petition of Joseph Giraud for permission to place building materials in Street opposite to his lot was referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority.

A petition of John Wallis for License for Stall N° 38 Catharine Market was referred to the Market Committee.

[20] A petition of Robert Stoddart for relief, for penalty incurred on an ordinance respecting a privy which has since been complied with, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Wright Carpenter for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A petition of Smith Bloomfield for payment of Interest on Contract for Sewer in Chapple Street was referred to the finance Committee

A petition of William James for Office of Keeper of potters field was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A petition of Hugh Smith and Peter Smith for permission to dig out and regulate Henry Street from Clinton to Gouverneur Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Robinson that he may be permitted to assign his Lease of Common Lands N° 193 to his Wife Elizabeth was referred to the Comptroller with Authority

[21] A petition of William D Blackwell for repayment of Assessment for Canal Street Sewer paid by him was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of the Inhabitants in Vicinity of James and Roosevelt Slips praying that a pier may be run out in the middle of said Slips was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A petition of Matthew Bolmer Executor of John Samler dec^{d} stating that he was assessed in 1822 on \$10875 being the Am

Bond, and Mortgages belonging to said Estate in his possession, which property he understands in the hands of Executors is not taxable, and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Hannah Manley for relief from personal tax assessed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of David Reynolds and others for permission to erect signs in the Bowery was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Witfield Case for Office of [22] Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Samuel Middleton to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of John J Vanderpool for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A petition of Aaron Boice for Licence as a Cartman was referred to the Committee on public Offices.

A petition of Thomas L Ogden and Perkins Nichols owners of Land on the East river between 7th and 8th Streets for a grant of the Land under water opposite their ground was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of the Butchers of Franklin Market praying a reduction of Rent of the Stalls in said market, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Charles Augustus Dale [23] in behalf of the Heirs of the late Robert Fulton was read, stating. that Petitioner is in possession of property consisting of Piers, Wharves and Lots on West Street between Dey and Courtlandt Streets belonging to the Estate of Robert Fulton, that it is at present Unoccupied, and as it probably will be wanted for public purposes he has thought it proper to Offer it to the Corporation for Sale on such terms as may be agreed upon—Which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of the Trustees of the City Dispensary for permission to treat for and purchase the Lease granted by the Corporation to John Vanderlyn and on which the Rotunda is built, for the Sole purposes of the Dispensary and as a place to receive the poor applying for Medicines and Attendance, which being read was referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Mr John Ireland to be permitted to regulate, Curb, and Gravel Amity Street himself was referred to the Street Committee with Authority

A Petition of James De Puyster for relief from a tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[24] A petition of Oliver Waldron and others for a Watchman to be placed at or near Stanton Street in 10th Ward, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial from William B Astor, president. pro tempore of the American fur Company and Others stating that the regulations of the Health Law prohibiting Furs being brought from the Interior of the United States during the Summer Months is injurious to the Commerce of the City in relation to that Article, and as they are not considered injurious to Health they pray that an Application may be made to the Legislature for an Alteration of the law—the same being read was referred to the Board of Health.

A request from a Committee of the New York Fencibles for the Loan of the Portrait of General Washington to be placed in the Ball room at a Ball to be given in honor of the birth day of General Washington was read, Whereupon it was Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

A memorial from Sundry Inhabitants of Chatham Square in favour of Continuing Auctions at that place was read, and laid on the table [25] untill the coming in of the report, of the Special Committee on that subject, It was afterwards called up and again read.

A memorial was presented from the Commissioners of the Alms House stating that frequently disorderly persons and even insane persons are brought before them, while the Justices of the Police are not in Session and as doubts arise as to their Authority to Commit such persons, they pray that the Common Council would apply to the Legislature for An Act Authorizing the Commissioners of the Alms House, or any one of them to Commit any disorderly person or pauper, to Bridewell there to remain for a time not exceeding twenty four hours unless one of the Special Justices shall before or at the expiration of that time discharge or commit the said disorderly person or pauper—and they presented a Law corresponding with said Memorial—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

The reading of Memorials and Petitions having been gone through, Alderman Mann moved that the reports from Committees of the Board be now read and that it be the order of proceeding hereafter that those reports be read after the [26] reading of Petitions and other original matters which was agreed to,

The Market Committee on the petition of Alexander Brown for Stall N° 4 Grand Street Market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of

Alexander Brown Butcher to be licensed for Stand N° 4 Grand Street Market.

Report. that the above applicant is highly recommended as a suitable person to be licensed for said Market, they would therefore recommend that he receive a license, and for that purpose offer the following resolution

Resolved, that Alexander Brown be licensed as a butcher for Stand N° 4 Grand Street Market.

respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Will^m H Ireland
Philip Hone
Tho^s T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[27] The Market Committee on the Petition of Richard Bedell for Stall N° 42 Catharine Market reported in his favour as follows. viz

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Bedell Butcher, Stating, he was the partner of James De Mott in whose name the license for Stand N° 42 Catharine Market was obtained that said De Mott wishes to relinquish to him the above Stand, He therefore prays he may receive a License for the same.

Report, that De Mott has given his consent in writing to the above arrangement, and there does not appear to be any impropriety in granting the contemplated change, they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that Richard Bedell be licensed as a Butcher for Stand N° 42 Catharine Market, on James De Mott surrendering up the license he has received for the above Stand

respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Philip Hone
Will^m H Ireland
Thom^s T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[28] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the Memorial from the Trustees of the New York Free School Society presented the following report, which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the Memorial and Bill directed to be duly authenticated.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred a Memorial from the Trustees of the New York Free School Society, beg leave to report.

That they Consider the subject Contained in said Memorial, being for a revision of the Laws on the subject of free Schools in this City, as deserving of immediate attention, and therefore have prepared, the draft of a Memorial to the Legislature, and of a Law, which are herewith submitted to the Board, to Meet the Objects in View.

Your Committee have been careful, that the Law should contain the proper and necessary provisions, and be a correct Revision of the existing Statutes of the Subject, with such alterations as the public good requires, and the law and memorial have been prepared under the Inspection of the Counsel of the Board.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to repeat the reasons which have induced them to [29] recommend an application to the Legislature, on the Subject in question, inasmuch as it is a Subject familiar to the board, and as the memorial contains the principal reasons, to which they respectfully refer.

The Committee therefore recommend that the following Resolution be adopted.

Resolved. that the draft of a Law, and Memorial relating to Common Schools, in the City of New York, be engrossed by the Counsel of this Board, and that his Honor the Mayor, authenticate the same, and cause them to be forwarded to the Legislature.

William Burtsell
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thomas Bolton
Jacob B Taylor

The finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Mayor on the fiscal concerns of the City, presented the following report. on the subject of raising money by tax for the purposes of the City for the present year which was approved and the Memorial and Bill directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

The Report of the Committee was as follows

[30] The finance Committee beg leave to report in part. on the annual report of the late Mayor, and of the Comptroller, That the sum of $300.000 is required for the public use of the City for the ensuing year, which is the same aggregate amount as that raised for the present year, although owing to the numerous improvements in

the different parts of the City, the rate of the tax on individual property will be less for this year, than for the last, The Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the attorney of the Board prepare the annual tax law, for the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, and a Memorial to the Legislature praying for the enactment of the same,' and that his hon. the Mayor Authenticate and forward the same to the Legislature

William H Ireland
William Burtsell
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson

The finance Committee on the Petition of Cary Dunn Jun^r and Samuel and Susannah Dunn. praying for the time for payment of an Assessment for extending and improving Maiden [31] Lane, reported against the petitioners as follows,

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Cary Dunn Jun^r and Samuel and Susannah Dunn, praying that a further extension of time may be allowed them for paying the amount assessed on their property for widening and improving Maiden Lane, respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the Subject, and finally are of the opinion that this assessment ought to be collected, inasmuch as about nine months have already expired since it became due, That this time has been allowed the petitioners in compliance with a former request made of a Similar nature, and as the award for damages to the several Individuals, have long since been paid, your Committee think it but reasonable that those who were benefited should, after this lapse of time, be called on, to pay there assessments, Under these impressions they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved. that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Will^m Burtsell
Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson

[32] The Special Committee respecting Auctions in Chatham Square reported as follows.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Chatham Square praying "That Sales at Auctions in the Street at that place be altogether prohibited" having taken the Subject into consideration do unanimously recommend the following Ordinance*

	Thaddeus Seymour Ald^n	4th Ward
	Joseph Coles Assis^t	
	Shivers Parker Ald^n	6th Ward
(Signed)	Stephen Conover Assis^t	
	Asa Mann Ald^n	7 Ward
	Jameson Cox Assis^t	
	Reuben Munson Ald^n	10 Ward
	Gideon Ostrander Assis^t	

Which was approved and the Law reported by them passed under the title of " A Law to amend a Law entittled a Law to regulate Sales at Auctions "

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Warden 4th Ward

Ephraim Force, Brass Founder 290 Water St
Vice Robert Brown, Time Expired

[33] N^o 5

Thomas E Kerrison Brass Founder, 260 Broadway
vice Thomas Gender, Resigned

N^o 8

Nathaniel Carpenter, Carter, 25 Laurens St
vice James C Adams, resigned

David Note, Type founder 13 Elm St.
vice John Haslet, resigned

N^o 20

Jacob Smith, Cabinet Maker 55 Elm St.
vice Charles O'Neil, Time Expired

N^o 25

Joseph D Hallett Accountant 27 Mercer St
vice Ephraim Force Resigned

N^o 26

Isaac Ruland, Baker, 133 Lombardy St
vice, Andrew Keating, Neglect of duty

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* Ordinance not entered.—ED.

N° 31

John Debon Jun^r Sash maker Varrick and Watt St^s
vice Samuel Williams Resigned
Jacob W Van Doorn Printer 26 Thomas St
vice James Campfield neglect of duty

N° 37

William Poor, Baker, Grand & Norfolk St^s
vice James Fisher Resigned

[34] The Comptroller reported that the amount paid into the Treasury for commutation of Alien passengers for the Quarter ending 31^st January last was Sixty five dollars, which was directed to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereon (viz)

The pitching and Curbing Bleecker Street from Broadway to the Bowery and M. D Camp appointed Collector

For pitching and paving Downing Street from Herring to Varrick St M D Camp appointed Collector.

For paving Side walks in Grand St between Green and Lawrence Streets and N Jarvis was appointed Collector

For pitching and paving Washington St from Watts St to Charlton St with Report of the Street Commissioner on the objections of Alexander L Stewart thereto.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers the Assessment for pitching and paving Washington Street from Watts Street to Charlton St in order that it may be confirmed and a Collector appointed thereto if in the opinion of the Common [35] Council, the annexed communication from Mr A L Stewart ought not to prevent it.

It will be Observed, M^r Stewart does not object to the appointment of the sums respectively assessed, but only that inasmuch (as he States) the Side walks are not yet filled out.

All which respectfully submitted

R Graves
St Commissioner

Whereupon the assessment was confirmed and N Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz,

For pitching and paving Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton

Street, and Benjamin Prince John Targee and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Sullivan St from Spring to Houston St and Isaac Kip, John Brower, and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating Water Street from Market St to Pike St and Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

[36] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz

N°	1	J *Gabbet* [Ebbets]	Occupant	10	Anthony St	A Privy
	2	L Cortland	Ditto	14	Ditto	D°
	3	C Fitch	Ditto	26	Ditto	D°
	4	A Mead	Ditto	28	Ditto	D°
	5	J H Hoffman	Ditto	50	Ditto	D°
	6	W Hutson	Ditto	59	Chamber St	D°
	7	J Byrns	Ditto	57	Ditto	D°
	8	A Nisbet	Ditto	89	Ditto	D°
	9	D Nafless	Ditto	52	Anthony St	D°
	10	J Hoffman	Ditto	54	Ditto	D°
	11	A Thompson	Ditto	99	Chamber St	D°
	12	N Miller	Ditto	105	Ditto	D°
	13	R Ferguson	Ditto	113	Ditto	D°
	14	M Denison	Ditto	113½	Ditto	D°
	15	*M Rossess* [J Rozes]	Ditto	115	Ditto	D°
	16	G Tailor	Ditto	124	Ditto	D°
	17	W^m^ Moneypenny	Ditto	124½	Ditto	D°
	18	M Fagan	Ditto	130	Ditto	D°
	19	J Walker	Ditto	134	Ditto	D°
	20	C H Dall	Ditto	138	Ditto	D°
	21	P. Pillett	Ditto	140	Ditto	D°
	22	E Gum	Ditto	145	Ditto	D°
	23	*E* [W] Ellett	Ditto	146	Ditto	D°
	24	[37] A Lefoy	Ditto	151	Ditto	D°
	25	M Hart	Ditto	35	Chapel St	D°
	26	Z Cole	Ditto	162	Duane St	D°
	27	H Mooney	Ditto	165	Ditto	D°
	28	M Brownhill	Ditto	169	Ditto	D°
	29	J Struck	Ditto	171	Ditto	D°
	30	*M Crady* [Grady]	Ditto	172	Ditto	D°
	31	R Bloomfield	Ditto	173	Ditto	D°
	32	J Brow	Ditto	174	Ditto	D°
	33	S Anderson	Ditto	174	Ditto	D°
	34	P Constantine	Ditto	176	Ditto	D°
	35	S Scudder	Ditto	214	Ditto	D°
	36	A Halsey	Ditto	229	Ditto	D°

37	D Jackson	Occupant	239	Duane St	A Privy
38	T L Jennings	Ditto	242	Ditto	D^{o}
39	T Griffin	Ditto	257	Ditto	D^{o}
40	T. C Norris	Ditto	308	Greenwich St	D^{o}
41	X[avier] Bill	Ditto	38	Jay St	D^{o}
42	H *Camadin* [Camerden]	Ditto	6	Leonard St	D^{o}
43	L Martin	Ditto	20	Ditto	D^{o}
44	W H Leaycraft	Ditto	44	Ditto	D^{o}
45	M^{rs} Boyce	Ditto	48	Ditto	D^{o}
46	C *Debevaice* [Debevoise]	Ditto	52	Ditto	D^{o}
47	W^{m} Brown	Ditto	58	Ditto	D^{o}
48	E C Priest	Ditto	6	Murray St	D^{o}
49	W Seixas	Ditto	8	Ditto	D^{o}
50	J Mann Sen^{r}	Ditto	23	Ditto	D^{o}
51	[38] J Maney	Ditto	27	Ditto	D^{o}
52	C Gateran	Ditto	53	Ditto	D^{o}
53	H Cochrane	Ditto	63	Ditto	D^{o}
54	J Patterson	Ditto	68	Ditto	D^{o}
55	J Bruen	Ditto	73	Ditto	D^{o}
56	C H Dall	Ditto	87	Ditto	D^{o}
57	D Cudlipp	Ditto	87½	Ditto	D^{o}
58	T Jeroleman	Ditto	89	Ditto	D^{o}
59	D^{r} Forman	Ditto	91	Ditto	D^{o}
60	R Huntley	Ditto	3	Provost St	D^{o}
61	C Dayton	Ditto	5	Ditto	D^{o}
62	*T* [J] Ludlam	Ditto	11	Ditto	D^{o}
63	J Van Riper	Ditto	35	Ditto	D^{o}
64	J Wilt	Ditto	53	Ditto	D^{o}
65	T Mingus	Ditto	75	Ditto	D^{o}
66	J Brundage	Ditto	81	Ditto	D^{o}
67	W^{m} Ring	Ditto	83	Ditto	D^{o}
68	T Garland	Ditto	66	Reed St	D^{o}
69	J Lane	Ditto	72	Ditto	D^{o}
70	D Thompson	Ditto	76	Ditto	D^{o}
71	M Hawser	Ditto	78	Ditto	D^{o}
72	H Dyke	Ditto	80	Ditto	D^{o}
73	R Teneyck	Ditto	82	Ditto	D^{o}
74	A Post	Ditto	99	Ditto	D^{o}
75	Ch^{s} C Myers	Ditto	92	Ditto	D^{o}
76	B Downs	Ditto	93	Ditto	D^{o}
77	P Young	Ditto	94	Ditto	D^{o}
78	[39] M Westervelt	Ditto	95	Ditto	D^{o}
79	J Ridabock	Ditto	96	Ditto	D^{o}
80	J S *Rudney* [Pudney]	Ditto	99	Ditto	D^{o}
81	A Gamble	Ditto	110	Ditto	D^{o}
82	T Mariotte	Ditto	111	Ditto	D^{o}
83	Horton & Harriet	Ditto	114	Ditto	D^{o}
84	M Dorivel	Ditto	130	Ditto	D^{o}
85	Rassel & Daset	Ditto	134	Ditto	D^{o}

86	B Palmer	Occupant	136	Reed St	A Privy
87	D Williamson	Ditto	139	Ditto	D°
88	C Wilcox	Ditto	141	Ditto	D°
89	M Riker	Ditto	142	Ditto	D°
90	S Lawrence	Ditto	143	Ditto	D°
91	J Patten	Ditto	147	Ditto	D°
92	G Christie	Ditto	150	Ditto	D°
93	W Christie	Ditto	152	Ditto	D°
94	F Shenewolf	Ditto	153	Ditto	D°
95	J. J Duvillard	Ditto	156	Ditto	D°
96	J Latour	Ditto	157	Ditto	D°
97	H Micmac	Ditto		Rhinlanders Alley	D°
98	J Nichols	Ditto		Ditto	D°
99	A Cadmus	Ditto	21	Thomas St	D°
100	D Baehr	Ditto	21	Wall St	D°
101	A Bonice	Ditto	1	Warren St	D°
102	J Whitman	Ditto	2	Ditto	D°
103	*Santole & Garlone* [Santole S. Garlow]	Ditto	3	Ditto	D°
104	Swan & Ryan	Ditto	5	Ditto	D°
105	[40] A Melvin	Ditto	9	Ditto	D°
106	J Tabary	Ditto	22	Ditto	D°
107	J Cochran	Ditto	23	Ditto	D°
108	A Buckham	Ditto	33	Ditto	D°
109	A Wilkinson	Ditto	37	Ditto	D°
110	J *Miranda* [Marander]	Ditto	55	Ditto	D°
111	M Voorhis	Ditto	58	Ditto	D°
112	A Collard	Ditto	60	Ditto	D°
113	J Perry	Ditto	62	Ditto	D°
114	L D Near	Ditto	62½	Ditto	D°
115	W^m^ D Crolius	Ditto	64	Ditto	D°
116	W^m^ Ruckel	Ditto	72	Ditto	D°
117	Heirs of A Jennings	Ditto	77	Ditto	D°
118	J Barber	Ditto	83	Ditto	D°
119	T Ingham	Ditto	89	Ditto	D°
120	C Rapp	Ditto	92	Ditto	D°
121	B Bennet	Ditto	96	Ditto	D°

George Cumming
City Inspector

The Attorney presented the following Report on delinquent Captains of Vessels

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that in the Case of the Schooner Wilhelmine Capt. Engel, the passengers have been duly reported, and the Costs paid, and also in the [41] Cases of the Brig Adams, Capt. Halsey; The Brig Cygnet, Capt Kennedy, The Schooner Amanda, Capt. Carr, and the Schooner Belvidere. Capt Swain, The remission of the penalties is therefore recommen
[illegible]

Whereupon the fines incurred were directe

He also presented the draft of a Memorial to the Legislature and Bill for the Annual Tax which was approved and ordered to be authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Road Committee presented the following Report on the account of R Graves Overseer of Roads which was directed to be filed.

We Certify that we have examined the within Account of the Overseer of Roads for the Year 1823, together with the receipts and vouchers accompanying the same, and find it correct, and find that there is remaining in his hands unappropriated the sum of One hundred and thirty eight Dollars and thirty Seven Cents on the first day of January 1824

Geo. S Doughty
E W King
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Alpheus Sherman
Jacob B Taylor

[42] The Committee of repairs to whom was referred the Report of the Market Committee on converting the East Wing of Fulton Market into stores reported as follows, viz.

The Committee on repairs to whom was referred the Report of the Market Committee respecting the converting of the East Wing of Fulton Market into Stores, Also the remonstrance of a number of freeholders in the vicinity against the Measure, Beg leave to report that they have given it that due consideration that its respectibility deserves, and are of the opinion that the reasons set forth in the remonstrance are not sufficient to set aside the contemplated alterations, Your Committee are further of the opinion that the Commissioners— in estimating the benefits and damage for Opening Beekman St. could not have assessed more than the real amount for the property taken (including the incidental expences.) which sum must have been laid on the property in the vicinity, according to the benefits derived, about fourteen thousand Dollars of the expense was paid from the public treasury, they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Memorialists

[43] respectfully presented

Thomas T Woodruff
(Signed) Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Alderman Ireland presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorized to borrow under the directions of the Finance Committee Fifty thousand dollars at an Interest not exceeding Six per Cent per Annum.

Alderman Mann presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that Water Street be filled up to the regulation thereof from Market Street to Pike Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare the draft of an Ordinance and have the same carried into effect.

Alderman Ireland presented a Law directing that every Porter and Hand Cartman should on renewal of his Licences pay twelve and a half Cents, which was passed under the Title of "a Law in relation to the renewal of Licenses"

[44] A Resolution was presented by the Recorder directing a Street to be opened 50 feet wide from Grand to Water Streets, between Gouverneaur and Walnut Street, so as to unite with Sheriff Street which was referred to the Street Committee

A Certified copy of the Act of the Legislature entitled an Act making further Alterations in the Map or plan of the City of New York, was presented and Ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council.

The Law proposing an alteration in the Charter of the City by dividing the Common Council into two bodies, was on motion made the order of the Day at the next meeting of the Board

Mr Sherman presented a Resolution referring to the Law Committee and Counsel to enquire and report what alterations, are necessary to be made in the Law respecting Elections of Charter Officers in order to render the same Compatible with the Constitution of the State and Charter and rights of the City and to report by Bill and Memorial if they deem it necessary, Which was agreed to, and the Recorder was added to the Committee, [45] It was also Resolved that the Committee have authority to employ Counsel on the Question if they deem it necessary

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Acc^{t} 19 January		$3245.09
Received for Tax of 1823		31.100.00
Ditto	Arrears of Tax	1.200.00
Ditto	Streets	25.878.49
Ditto	Intestate Estates	2.556.44
Ditto	Auction Sales	2.500.
Ditto	Rents	7.793.91
Ditto	Justices Courts	882.41

Received for Fines &c Sherriff	$80.06	
Ditto Wells & Pumps	389.63	
Ditto Mayoralty fees	141.25	
Ditto Commutation Alien passengers	45.	
Ditto Sales at public yard	40.31	
	$75.852.59	
Loan of J Fleming from Am^{t} paid by Banks &c Commutation of tax, on acc^{t} without Interest	40.000.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank, Authorized 18 Aug^{t} 1823 bal.	9.700.	
Loan of ditto do do 2 Inst. on acct.	6.500.	$132.052.59

147 Accounts Audited

Leek & Waldon Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	645.75
[46] Stephen Allen's Esq^{r} Salary as Mayor to 26 Jan^{y}	375.
Jacob Morton Clerk Common Council. Salary 1 Q^{r} 1 Inst.	320.83
Will^{m} J Waldron Assis^{t} City Insp^{r} 1 Month "	47.25
Obadiah Ayres ditto " "	47.25
Astin and Cochran Messengers " "	54.
Charles Gilman Keeper of Battery " "	31.
Andrew M^{c}Cready do Park " "	31.
Dan^{l} H Magee do Pottersfield " "	38.75
Oliver Jaques St. Inspector 1st Ward " "	31.
Peter Wright do 2 " " "	31.
Thomas Jeroleman do 3 " " "	31.
Nicholas B Lyon do 4 " " "	31.
Abraham Ackerman do 5 " " "	31.
William Kerr do 6 " " "	31.
Benjamin Fuller do 7 " " "	31.
Samuel Hutchings do 8 " " "	31.
Daniel Hubbard do 10 " " "	31.
John Curtis Carriage Hire 29 Decem^{r}	28.50
Will^{m} J Waldron Assis^{t} City Inspec^{r} remov^{g} Nuis^{c} 1 Ins.	21.49
Jacob Hays Services in 10 Ward 1 Jan^{y}	4.
John Bremner Clerk Catharine Market 1 Month 1 Ins^{t}	58.
Peter Amerman Do 6 Markets " "	50.50
George Duryea Do Fulton " " "	41.67
Rich^{d} Smith Do Franklin " " "	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59
P. H Wendover Sheriff. for Officers attend^{g} Courts 1 Q^{r} 1st Instant	950.
[47] P. H Wendover & Sheriff for deputies conveying persons to penitentiary	25.50
Sam^{l} Montgomery for Officers Serving Subpoenas 1 Q^{r} 1 Inst	170.50
Stephen Allen Esq^{r} Expenses paid for Board of Health Septem^{r} 1823	9.

John S Howe Physician Alms House &c 1 Quar Salary 1st Instant	75.
Benjamin Hicks Assist Board Health 1 Month 1 Inst..	47.25
Jonathan Pinckney do " " " ..	47.25
Judah Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary " ..	400.00
Elisha Morrill do 4. 6 " " " " ..	400.
Henry Meigs do 5. 8 " " " " ..	400.
David M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 " " " " ..	187.50
George Betts do 4. 6 " " " " ..	187.50
John Campbell do 5. 8 " " " " ..	187.50
Wm Sherwood Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 " " " ..	35.
P. & H Van Pelt printing—1 Qr 1st Inst................	411.
G Snethen, Superg & Lighting Lamps 1 Mo. 1 Inst......	747.68
Robert Provost repairing " " "	87.47
Daniel Biggs Work at Lamps—1 Qr "	41.12
Peter Schermerhorn Award for Beekman St..........	15.500.
Ebenezer Stevens (Hr. of) do do	7.500.
Samuel Disbrow do do	5.500.
Augustus H Lawrence do do	5.449.84
Danl C Verplanck do do	2.972.64
Robert D Crommeline do do	2.477.20
[48] Gulian Crommelin do do	2477.20
Susannah Crommelin do do	2477.20
Marian Ann Crommelin do do	2477.20
James Foster do do	2477.20
Eliphalet Wickes do do	2477.20
Frederick Depeyster do do	2477.20
Ludlow Dashwood do do	2477.20
John M Bowers, Jas C Duane. Jas Scott and Saml Jones trustees for Children & Heirs of late Henry Bowers Award for Beekman St.	2477.20
Elizabeth Lewis do do	2164.
James C Lawrence do do	1780.20
Elizabeth Crommeline do do	1456.
Ann Aspinwall Widow of Gilbert Aspinwall decd do	1238.60
Elizabeth Scott Wife of Jam[e]s Scott awa[r]d do	1238.60
Elizabeth Lewis Widow of Francis Lewis decd do do	777.20
Frances Ludlow do do	619.30
Gulian Ludlow do do	619.30
Gabriel V Ludlow do do	619.30
Mary Dashwood do do	619.30
Emma F Lewis do do	553.99
George E Lewis do do	553.99
Gabriel L Lewis do do	553.98
Horatio G Lewis do do	553.98
Cecilia G Lewis do do	553.98
Louisa W Johnson, Wife of Isaac A Johnson do do	553.98

Ann D Battele (Wife of Batt[e]le of S^{t} Croix	Award	for Beekman St.	553.98
[49] Eliza Ogden Wife of Sam^{l} G Ogden	do	do	553.98
James Lawrence	do	do	697.
Maria Allen Wife of W^{m} Allen	do	do	495.44
Eliza Verplank	do	do	495.44
Charlotte Verplank	do	do	495.44
Emily Quillard Wife of Quillard	do	do	495.44
Charles M^{c}Evers	do	do	495.44
Edward Livingston of New Orleans	do	do	495.44
Mary Kennedy Lewis	do	do	471.98
Augustus Spencer	do	do	200.
Stratton & Aikman	do	do	150.
John R Livingston	do	do	130.
Susannah Lewis Widow of Juan F. Lewis	do	do	82.
Margaret Mary Brown Wife of Lownds Brown		do	52.21
Edward Livingston	do	do	52.21
John Livingston	do	do	52.21
Charles Livingston	do	do	52.21
Eliza Livingston	do	do	52.20
Robert M Livingston	do	do	52.20
Serena E Croghan Wife of Geo. Crogham	do	do	52.20
Corporation Trinity Church	princip^{l} & Int.	Canal St Sewer	10.760.06
Tho^{s} Duggan Exec^{r} Estate of Tho^{s} Duggan		do	907.19
Peter Jay Munroe		do	775.10
James Campbell Exec^{r} to Estate of Neil M^{c}Kennon		do	360.79
Henry & W^{m} Cochran		do	332.78
Estate of W^{m} Quick		do	256.53
[50] James Vincent	Princ^{l} & Int.	do	224.48
Judah Hammond	do	do	160.73
Peter H Wendover	do	do	155.11
James Jarvis	do	do	147.62
Isaac Vanderbeck	do	do	147.58
John M^{c}Vickar	do	do	115.57
Abner Weyman	do	do	75.72
James Bertine	do	do	73.17
William Shotwell	do	do	64.14
Thomas Popham	do	do	63.97
Clarke & Beers	do	do	50.08
Charles Meeks	do	do	48.77
Joseph Depew	do	do	40.93
Thomas Blanch	do	do	36.
Nathan M^{c}Vickar	do	do	32.27
Ann Flanagan	do	do	25.65
Abraham Van Norden	do	do	24.91
James Tuttle	do	do	19.25

James Murray Princl & Int. Canal St Sewer	18.07	
Andrew Colvin do do	12.88	
George Tappan do do	5.15	
A. H. Mooney Acct. reg. & pav, Thompson St from Spring to Bleecker St	1200.	
J Cuthbert Acct. reg. & pav. Bleecker & Herring Sts from Broadway to Carmine St	1000.	
Saml Fargay Acct. reg. & pav. Dover St from Pearl St to Water St	500.	
[51] James Pinkerton Acct. reg. & pav. Canal St from Church to Sullivan	400.	
J Bailey Acct. reg & pav. Lewis St. from Delancey to 4th St	340.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg. & pav. Lawrence St from Bleecker St to Amity lane	200.	
R. Pettigrew Acct. Curb & Gutter Christopher St. from Washington to Asylum	130.	
H Smith Ball. reg & pav. Green St from Broome to Spring St	136.12	
N Jarvis Overpaid for West street. reg. & pav. from Barclay to Vesey	41.66	
Thompson Price and Associates Inspectrs buildg Cisterns Broome St	15.	
Isaac T Ludlam Surveys 1 Qr 1 January	572.94	
Amos Corning do 1 Year do	181.00	
J G Swift. R. Adrain & Jas Renwick for Surveys &c reg. Streets between North & 34th Streets—from Bowery to East river, on Account	300.	
G Tucker build. 92 Culverts Canal St corner of Washington St	245.50	
Samuel Fargay repairs Intersections	195.49	
Wm Gee posting bills to 27 Jany	22.50	
M Jarvis Corporation Assessment at Duane park for Cross Walks 5th Ward	10.43	
Geo. Charlton bal. on Well North St opposite Eldridge Street	80.85	
[52] R. Pettigrew ball. on Well Willett St Corner of Broome & Delancy	57.50	
Thos Lovett Acct filling at Battery	4275.	
Lindley Murray Treasurer City Dispensary	500.	
Revd John Stanford for Services past year at Bellevue &c	300.	
John Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1 Interest	18.500.	132.006.60
Balance		$45.99

The Board adjourned

[53] Special Meeting. In Common Council February 5th 1824

Present. The Hon. Willim Paulding Junr Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen

Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W King
William H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben Munson

Assistants

Saml St John
Stephen Conover
William Burtsell
Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander
Alpheus Sherman.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

The Mayor stated that he had summoned this Meeting for the purpose of reconsidering the Bill approved at the last meeting and directed to be sent to the Legislature under the Title of " An Act relating to Common Schools " the 4th Section of which [54] did not meet the views of some at whose instance the Law was proposed.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor it was agreed to reconsider the Memorial and Bill—After some discussion it was referred back to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[55] In Common Council February 16th 1824

Present The Hon. Willm Paulding Junr Mayor. President.
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Alderman

Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W King
Willm H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Saml St John
Philip Hone
William Burtsell
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox
Thos T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman
Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regular and Special Meeting were read and approved.

A petition of Jane Ann Ferris for relief from a personal tax, assessed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Benjamin Bailey for relief [56] from Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from Abraham Brower for License as a Cartman was read and laid on the table.

A petition of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company praying that an apportionment may be made of the assessment for the *landing of the Bulkhead at The Fly Market Slip to and upon lots N° 160 & 162 Fly Market St. which having been read was referred to the finance Committee with powers

A petition of John T Hauman for relief from an Assessment for a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of John B Lawrence stating that a Lot belonging to him on Pitt St. has been sold by Order of the Common Council, for the supposed nonpayment of Taxes, but which taxes had been paid by him and praying relief, which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Dirck Ten Broeck and Cornelia his wife praying a postponement of the [57] Sale of certain Lots in the 9th Ward owned by them for nonpayment of assessments for paving &c which Sale is to take place on the 26th Inst. The same having been read was referred to the finance Committee with powers.

A petition of Peter Remsen for permission to place building materials in the Street at Hanover Square was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 1st Ward with power.

A petition of John Shotwell and Phebe Shotwell his wife praying that the assessments laid on Lots N° 150. 152 for improving Maiden Lane may be apportioned, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of sundry persons assessed for improvement of Maiden Lane praying that the Corporation will direct an allowance be made to them equal to the value of one third of the buildings taken for said improvement agreeably to the Law in that case made and provided which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

[58] A petition of Christian Heyser praying permission to construct a Vault in front of a Lot of his on Hudson St. or that the Corporation will purchase the same from him, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward

A petition of Samuel E Benson to be Keeper of Pottersfield was referred to Committee on Lands and Places

A petition of Joseph Dally for office of Keeper of Pottersfield was referred to Committee on Lands and Places

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* Marginal note in pencil reads *building.*—ED.

A petition that a Lamp may be placed in Rutger St. between Banker and Henry St. was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A petition of Ann Shamburg for relief from Tax imposed on her personal Estate was referred to Committee on Assessments.

A petition of William Schureman for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield, was referred to Committee of Lands and Places.

[59] A petition of Noah Brown and others. for the establishment of an Fire Engine on Manhattan Island or its vicinity was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A petition of John J Gantz for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield was referred to the Committee of Lands and Places

A petition of the Fishermen of Fulton Market to be permitted to remove to the West side of the Country Market was referred to the Market Committee,

A petition of James Lynch for License as a Pedlar was read and leave granted to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for permission to regulate 13th Street from 1st Avenue to the Bowery at his own Expense was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of the Butchers of Catharine Market for a reduction of the rents charged on the Stalls was referred to the Market Committee.

[60] A Petition of John T Ball for the office of Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of James Rush stating that he has been expelled from Fire Engine N° 3 for not paying a fine he incured, which nonpayment arose from his not being provided with money at that time and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Memorial was received from the Engineers of the department representing to the Common Council propriety of constructing a number of Public Cisterns—to be used in cases of fire, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of William *Evin* [Evans] to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee of Wharves. Piers and Slips

A petition of J. & G. Drake for permission to deposit building materials in front of his lot corner of Beekman and Front St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2nd Ward with powers

[61] A petition of a number of Inhabitants in vicinity of Essex Market for the establishment of a Fire Engine at that place was referred to the Committee on Fire Department,

A petition for the suspension of the Law relative to the hoisting and lowering Merchandise in the Streets was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Henry Rutgers and Others that the Street between Chatham Square and the East river at present called Oliver St. be known in future as Fayette Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Wilcox for relief from personal tax in the 8th Ward having been assessed and paid a tax in the 4th Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Jacob A Roome for Office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A remonstrance of sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants, against the occupation of the East Wing of Fulton Market for Stores, was read and laid on the Table,

[62] A memorial of David Marsh and others against extending and improving North St. in the 10th Ward and Houston St. in the 8th Ward was read. Whereupon Alderman King presented the following, viz

Resolved, that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening Houston Street and the Counsel of this Board be requested to stay all further proceedings on that Subject until the next May Term of the Supreme Court—Unless in the Opinion of the Counsel it shall be necessary to present the Commissioners Report in which case he is requested to present the same and request a delay of confirmation as aforesaid

Which was adopted

A petition of Jeremiah Johnson for Licenses as a Cartman was read and laid on the table.

A memorial of Cadwallader D Colden as president and in behalf of the board of managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents, Stating that they are desirous of establishing an Institution which shall serve at once as a refuge for neglected and depraved Children & [63] of Correction and reformation of such offenders, and praying the aid of the Corporation in donations of Lands or otherwise, which having been read was referred the following Special Committee. Mess^{rs} Cox, Bolton & Sherman. Aldermen Parker & Zabriskie.

A further petition of Cary Dunn Jun^{r} for further time for payment of an Assessment, laid for improvements of Maiden Lane was referred to the Finance Committee with powers,

A memorial was presented from the general Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of this City stating that they have devoted a part of the building they have erected on the Lot they hold on Lease from the Corporation to a Library for the use of Mechanic's Apprentices—that they view the diffusion of learning by means of the Library among that Class of our rising youth as attended with the most happy consequencies in making them Moral and intelligent Citizens, that the resources of the Institution are not sufficient to extend the Library as they would wish and they therefore request that the Annual rent of $125 reserved on the Lease may be remitted on condition of its being employed exclusively to the purchase of books for [64] the apprentices Library—Whereupon the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was presented from John W Wyman stating that a Considerable balance was still due to him as Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Gen[1] Sessions of the peace and soliciting a settlement of the same which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee of repairs presented the following Report on the subject of appropriating the East Wing of Fulton Market for Stores &c

The Committee on Repairs respectfully state to the Board that they having doubts about the legality of the alteration of the East wing of Fulton Market with wooden materials, have examined the Law on that Subject, and taken the opinion of the Counsel of the Board thereon, it appears that 3 L C 157 Ch 155 Enacts, that all dwelling houses, Store Houses and other buildings which from and after the passing of the Act, shall be built or Erected within the [65] fire limits, shall be made or constructed of Stone or Brick with party or fire Walls rising at least Six Inches above the roof and shall be covered, except the flat roof thereof with Slate or tile or other safe materials against fire and not with Boards or Shingles under the penalty of five hundred Dollars, exclusive of two hundred and fifty dollars the penalty for which the builder is liable the same doubts exist by enclosing it with brick unless the roof should be covered with some safe materials against fire, whether the present is the most favourable time for so considerable an expence is for the Board to decide. Your Committee recommended the following Resolution to be adopted

Resolved, that it is Inexpedient at this time to Carry into effect the proposed alterations of the East Wing of the Fulton market.

(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Jameson Cox

Whereupon the resolution proposed was adopted.

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the subject of an allowance to the Clerk of the Common Council to employ a Clerk to assist him in the duties of his office. presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

[66] The Committee on public Offices on the petition of Minors and others for Licenses as cartman reported as follows. viz,

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred, sundry petitions, from minors & persons too indigent to purchase Horses and Carts praying to be licensed as Cartmen Respectfully

Report that after the most mature deliberation they are persuaded that the practice which has for some time been tolerated of granting Cartmen's Licenses to minors and such others as are unable to provide themselves with the means of pursuing that employment, is pregnant with mischief and danger.

It is generally believed, that there are now a greater number of Cartmen in this City than are requisite, a great part of whom for want of employment are scarcely able to provide for their families. It may therefore be doubted whether it would be discreet to augment the number under any circumstances, much less, by the appointment of persons of the description above mentioned.

All Licenses for petty Offices should have some value attached to them, in order to insure a faithful and honest discharge of the duties appertaining to them, for the only mode of punishing delinquents in such cases, is, by depriving them [67] of their Licenses

Now it must be apparent to the mind of any one, who has fully considered the Subject, That if a department becomes so overstocked with members, that but few in it, can procure a living, their licenses will become of little value, and their possessors indifferent about holding them.

Persons having such licenses and enjoying the immunities which they afford, should possess some property in order to secure the community against any fraud or malpractice which they may commit, A Licensed Cartman has a general credit, not only among our Citizens, but also with Strangers, it being, taken for granted that no irresponsible Person would be permitted to hold such a Situation. But if a Minor is sued, his non age is a complete bar. If a Cartman of full age, but without property, is sued, Judgement indeed may be given against him, but if his Horse and Cart, are levied on they belong to another and the unfortunate Creditor is liable for the trespass in seizing them: if the Bond mentioned in the Ordinance relating to

Cartmen is resorted to, the Creditor is told that, that Bond is a Nullity

From all these considerations your Committee earnestly recommend, that the last provisoe in the first Section of the law above alluded to, be repealed and altho' in a few instances it may be attended [68] with apparent hardships, Still in the judgement of your Committee it is much safer, than to open on the public, so wide a door for fraud and imposition.

With a view to bring this subject more distinctly before the Common Council, your Committee, subjoin a clause for repealing that part of the Law, which they deem objectionable, viz,

A Law to amend a Law entitled "A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen."

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That so much of the first section of the ordinance, entitled "A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen" as is contained in the last provisoe of that Section, be and the same is hereby repealed.

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) E W King
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved, and the Law passed under the title of "a Law to amend a Law, entitled a Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen"

The Committee of Charity. on the petition of the Humane Society presented a [69] report recommending the sum of $200 to be granted to them, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Street Committee on the petition of Hugh and Peter Smith to dig out Henry St reported as follows, viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hugh & Peter Smith for permission to dig out and regulate Henry Street from Clinton Street to Governeur Street. Report. that in their opinion, the present is a proper time to regulate the Streets in that vicinity as much earth is wanted to fill the Battery, and the meadows at Manhattan Island—by which these Streets can be dug out free of expence to the owners of the adjacent lots—they therefore offer the following resolutions

Resolved, that Henry Street be dug out and regulated from Clinton Street to Governeur Street, and Banker Street from Clinton Street to

Montgomery Street and that the Street Commissioner present Ordinances accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[70] The Street Committee on the petition for Widening Pike Street presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration—It was resolved that the Counsel of the Board be requested to take the written opinion of Counsel as to the legality of the measure in consequence of the *ex*[ac]ceptance of the Common Council of a grant of the Rutgers family of 10 feet on each side of the Street

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Wallis for Stall Nº 38 Catharine Market reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Wallis, for a Butchers license for Stand Nº 38 Catharine Market, at present occupied by Nathaniel Cromer who has given his written consent to transfer said Stand to John Wallis

Report, that the above applicant is represented as having served a regular apprenticeship to the butchers trade, and is an honest, sober and industrious young man, and worthy of being licensed, they would therefore recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted. and for that purpose [71] beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved. that John Wallis be licensed as a Butcher for Stand Nº 38 Catharine Market, on Nathaniel Cromer surrendering up the License now held by him for that Stand.

respectfully Submitted.

Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Tho^{s} Bolton
Tho^{s} T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws on the Resolution on the subject of the Laws relating to the Charter Election presented a Report with the Opinion of James Kent Esqr which was referred back to the same Committee with a request to report a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature agreeably to their report.

The finance Committee on the petition of Charles Augustus Dale reported as follows. viz

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Charles Augustus Dale offering for Sale certain wharves, piers and lots situate and lying between Courtlandt and Dey Street.

[72] Report that they have deliberated on the proposition of Mr Dale, and are of opinion that it would. (at present) be improper to purchase

first. Because Wharves and piers are the most unproductive of any of the public property,

and secondly, because there is no means provided for the payment, Hence, in case of purchase, it would be adding to the present debt, a measure which ought to be scrupulously avoided—By the operation of the sinking fund the debt is gradually disappearing, and if left undisturbed. the time is not remote, when the Citizens will be relieved of a Tax of nearly Eighty thousand dollars, that is annually required to meet the Interest. To relieve them of this burden is much to be desired, but certainly cannot be effected, if the Board continue to increase the debt, either by purchase or improvements, Believing it to be unwise to make this purchase, Your Committee are averse to entering into any Negociations with Mr Dale, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to purchase the above named property.

William H Ireland
Reuben Munson
[73] (Signed) William Burtsell
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the Petition of Thomas L Ogden and Perkins Nichols for Water grants reported in there favour as follows, viz,

The finance Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas L Ogden and Perkins Nicholls praying that a grant may be made to them of the Land under water from Seventh Street to Eighth Street on the East river, and from High water to the extent of their adjoining grant.

Report, that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that a grant be made on the usual terms to Thomas L Ogden & Perkins Nichols of the Lands under Water on the East river from Seventh to Eighth Streets, and from high Water, to the extent of their former adjoining Grant, and the Counsel to this Board prepare and present a Grant accordingly.

Wm H Ireland
Reuben Munson
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
William Burtsell

[74] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The finance Committee presented a report on the Subject of the Compensation to the First Marshall and offered a Law directing a Salary to be paid to him in lieu of fees which was read and laid for consideration,

The finance Committee on the petition of Smith Bloomfield presented a report against the petitioner as follows

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Smith Bloomfield praying to be allowed certain interest collected on moneys due for building the sewer in Chapel Street—Report that they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; On examination they find that this, is the third application made by the petitioner for the same object, the two former were reported against by the finance Committee and the reports confirmed by the Board. In the present Application your Committee find no additional reasons offered, why the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient [75] to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

William H Ireland
Reuben Munson
(Signed) William Burtsell
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Seymour laid before the board the draught of a Law to regulate the standing of Hay Waggons &c in Chatham Square, which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the reconsideration of the Memorial and Bill to the Legislature relating to Common Schools approved at the meeting of the 2nd of February Instant, reported as follows

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred, for re-consideration, the Law & Memorial relating to Free Schools in this City—Beg leave respectfully to report.

That they have taken into Consideration the objections made to said Law—and have had the subject, fully discussed before your Committee by Gentlemen of the highest standing as to Character & Intelligence, who were deeply interested therein

[76] But upon mature consideration, your Committee are of opinion, that it will be inexpedient to alter any of the provisions of said Law.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to repeat all the reasons, which have induced them to recommend an application to the Legislature, for the Law in its present form—inasmuch as they presume, it is a subject in a great degree familiar to the board—and as the Memorial contains the principal reasons, to which they respectfully refer.

Your Committee, however, consider it proper to state, that they believe this Law, to be of the utmost importance to the preservation of the New York Free School Society—and Consequently highly essential to the welfare of the Community in general—And that as this board may be considered the Constituted Guardians of the institutions and general prosperity of this City, it does seem, in the opinion of your Committee, Correct, for them to interpose, and aid in the preservation of so benevolent and praisworthy an Institution.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the draft of a Law and Memorial, relating to Common Schools in the City of New York—as passed at a [77] former meeting of this Board, be approved of, and that his Honor. the Mayor, be requested to authenticate in the usual form, and forward the same to the Legislature.

Wm Burtsell
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Warden 3^d Ward

Peter Roe, Grocer, Corner of Dey & Washington St
vice John Van Nostrand. time expired

Supply Engine N^o 1

Alexander Hannan, Grocer, N^o 102 Anthony St
vice Henry Lawrence resigned

Hook & Ladder C^o N^o 3

Richard Moore, Blacksmith, Hudson near Spring,
vice Alexander H Livingston, resigned
Joseph Concklin Jun^r, Mason, N^o 13 Clark St, Additional Member

[78] Fire Engine N^o 4.

Elijah T. Lewis, Accountant N^o 29 Chatham St.
vice, Charles Piggott resigned

No. 8

Joseph W. Rodgers, Type founder 12 Rynder St.
vice James Rose resigned

No. 16

Wilmot Williams, Clerk, 130 Reed St.
vice Thomas Hopper. joined Engine Company N^o 20.

No. 18

Benjamin E Valentine, Merchant. 304 Pearl St.
vice Charles Cromwell, resigned, and joined N^o 8.

No 27

William Buckland, Mason. 12 Charlton St
vice Abraham Storm Jun^r resigned

No. 32.

Henry Moore. Sash Maker 329 Broom St. vice. Floyd S Pennoyer.
Expel'd for neglect of duty, & not pay^g his fines
William Townsend, Dyer, 229 Chrystie St
vice Charles Cox time expired
[79] William Brown, Dyer, 229 Chrystie St
vice Thomas Butler, Expeled for neglect of duty.
Casper O Dusenbery, Cartman, 23 Suffolk St
vice John Romaine resigned

No 37.

John Lloyd, Shoemaker, 15 Oliver St.
vice William Hurley Resigned

James Lloyd, Shoemaker. 160 Harman St
vice Joseph Davis Resigned

No 41.

Hiram Perry, Cartman 38 Essex St.
vice Joseph Parker time Expired.

Henry C. Bowron, Cartman, Corn^{r} Delancy & Sheriff St.
vice Samuel Parker Resigned.

No 42

Ebenezer Matherson, Currier, Suffolk St
vice William M^{c}Allister time expired

[80] The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed in each, viz

For laying Bridge Stones in the 4th Ward and Morris De Camp, appointed Collector.

Assessment for Well and Pump in Beekman St. near Pearl St. and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

Assessment for repaving Pearl St. from Burling Slip to near Fletcher St. and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

Assessment, for extending Burling Slip sewer across Pearl Street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Memorial of the Inn keepers in the Bowery reported as follows. viz.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of the Innkeepers residing in the Bowery, requesting that permission may be given them to erect Signs and Signposts in that Street in front of their several Establishments, respectfully report.

[81] That he has given the subject his deliberate attention and careful investigation, and offers the following as the result.

The Street Commissioner has no hesitation in giving it as his Opinion that if such permission were given to the petitioners it would be of some advantage to them by rendering their houses of Entertainment more conspicuous, particularly so to Strangers on their entering the City by Land, and it may be urged (with some propriety too) that the erection of Sign posts on a line of the Curb stone in so wide a Street as the Bowery would neither obstruct the free passage, or the view of the Citizens, and consequently cannot be considered as coming within the prohibitions of the Ordinance which forbids the placing of posts, and the other obstructions in any of the Streets of this City.

Such reasoning may have some weight when abstractly considered, and in relation to the Bowery unconnected with the other Streets of this City. but when it is considered that the representatives of the people in Common Council, legislate for the whole City, and that their Ordinances have a general application, unless otherwise expressed, where no indulgence is granted specifically, it must be considered as prohibited

[82] By referring to "The Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner" Section 13 "ordains that no post shall be Erected or "put up in any of the Streets, roads, lanes or highways within the "City, unless under the direction of, and to be approved of by the "Street Commissioner."

And by the 17th Section of the same Law it is ordained. "That the Street Commissioner shall be, and is hereby authorised whenever he shall deem it proper to order any Step-Stone for entering Carriages any railing or fence enclosing any part of a Street, Any Sign, Sign-posts, or other posts, or any other thing which may incumber or obstruct the Street &c to be altered, or removed from the Street as to him shall seem meet &c. And in the former revisions of the Laws of the Corporation the words of the Ordinance were "That no posts shall be erected or put up in any Street in this City" which prohibition would apply to Lamp posts, but which could not have been intended, and therefore in subsequent revisions some discretionary power was vested in the Street Commissioner, but which was not intended to extend to sign posts is evident from the report of the Members of the Corporation Composing [83] the Street Committee at different Periods in the Year 1815 the Innkeepers in the Bowery, petitioned the Board, that the Law might be so interpreted as not to apply to Sign Posts which petition was referred to a Committee who on the 19th of June 1815 reported against the prayer & the petitioners had "Leave to withdraw their petition"; again in August last they presented a similar petition and on the 1st of September the Committee reported the following resolution which was adopted Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted.

By which it is evident that these respective committees did not consider the erection of Sign Posts as coming within the discretionary power given to the Street Commissioner by the 13th & 17th Sections of the Ordinance before alluded to.

From such Respectable authority the Street Comm^{r} does disposed to dissent and therefore recommends that the prayer of the Petitioners be not granted

Signed R Graves St. Com^{r}

Which Report was accepted.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for digging out and pitching Henry [84] Street from Clinton to Gouverneur Street which was passed and John Brower, John Bedient, and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

Also for digging out and pitching Banker St. from Clinton to Montgomery St. which was passed and John Brower, John Bedient and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for repairing the Common Sewer in Jacob and Ferry Streets which was passed and Isaac Kip, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors,

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the following assessments and Warrants were directed to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same viz

For paving Bleecker Street
" Do Lawrence Do
" Do Dover Do
" Do Marketfield Do
" Do Thompson Do
" a Well & pump in Forsyth Street
" Do " Willet St
" Do " 13th St.
[85] " Do " Attorney Street
" Do " Green St.

The Attorney made the following report on the subject of the suit against John G Betts and his Surety John Limberger.

The Attorney respectfully reports that in the suits instituted against John G Betts on the Bonds given by him for the faithful performance of his duties as collector of Assessments, and against John Limberger as his surety on the said Bonds, the Defendants have respectively relinquished their defence, and each acknowledged judgment for the sum of $\$5.708\,{}^{80}/_{100}$, and that in the suit against John G Betts for the money received by him on Assessments for the faithful collection of which he had not given bonds, the Defendant has confessed Judgment for the sum of $\$2690\,{}^{24}/_{100}$ That these judgments will be perfected Friday next, being the quarto die post of the February term of the sd Court; and that executions may be issued thereon forthwith thereafter, The Attorney respectfully requests the instructions of the board as to any further proceedings

M, Ulshoeffer

Which was referred to the finance Committee with authority to give such directions as they should judge expedient

[86] The Attorney presented a lease to the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Company with the following report thereon.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, the Lease to the [New] York and Jersey Steam boat ferry Company, prepared under the direction of the finance Committee, Agreeably to the resolutions of this Board, and to be executed upon the Company's complying with the Stipulations agreed to by them

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved and the Lease directed to be executed agreeably thereto.

The Attorney also presented a Certificate of the Sale of a piece of Land with the following report thereon,

The Attorney herewith respectfully submits for executions a certificate of the sale of the hereinafter mentioned piece or parcel of Land which was sold for the Assessment for paving Orange Street, in pursuance of the Statute, by the Street Commissioner, on the 26th Day of September, A. D. 1820, and for which *which* it appears that no certificate [87] has been hitherto executed. to wit.

"All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York, on the Westerly side of Orange between Broome and Spring Streets, and known and distinguished as the undivided two-fifth parts of Bayard's Gore, assessed as belonging to the estate of Nicholas Bayard." Sold to Stephen M Bayard for 19 Years from 26th day of September 1822. for $207 $^{95}/_{100}$

The purchaser now applies for his Certificate.

Respectfully Submitted

M, Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Certificate was directed to be duly executed.

The Attorney also presented a Grant to John Moon for a Water Lot at Brooklyn which was directed to be duly executed.

The Comptroller presented a release from John Ireland and Judith his wife, Thomas Ludlow and Mary his Wife and Gulian Ludlow and Maria his Wife, for a certain piece of Ground known as Mid reet. The Lease is dated the 30th November 1820 and having been lly acknowledged by all the Parties it was directed to be recorded the Registers Office of this City and filed in the Office of the Comp- oller

[88] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of ndry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances r correcting Nuisances viz

1	J. Alexander	Occup^t	No	7	Anthony.	A privy
2	G, Robertson	do		9	do	"
3	J. Linacre	do		11	do	"
4	T. H. Moore	do		17	do	"
5	M. Dumanel	do		19	do	"
6	J. Hall	do		29	do	"
7	J. Cherry	do		31	do	"
8	M. Fowler	do		39	do	"
9	T. Palmer	do		47	do	"
10	P. Fenton	do		53	do	"
11	J. Hager	do		55	do	"
12	J. Kendell	do		57	do	"
13	J. *M^c* M^{c}Carr	do		59	do	"
14	P. Bremond	do		65	do	"
15	G. Painter	do		67	do	"
16	A. Boyer	do	No	59	Church	"
17	B. Hart	do		61	do	"
18	D. Fanshaw	do		63	do	"
19	F. Crane	do		75	do	"
20	L. Francis	do		87	do	"
21	J. Armstrong	do		93	do	"
22	[89] S. Cadet	do		101	do	"
23	R. Hutson	do		108	do	"
24	C. *Prill* [Brill]	do		109	do	"
25	E. *Scatts* [Skaats]	do		116	do	"
26	B. Strong	do		162	do	"
27	C. Titus	do		178	do	"
28	E. Payne	do		196	do	"
29	P. Shapter	do		196½	do	"
30	W^m Gaskin	do		203	do	"
31	S Westervelt	do		217	do	"
32	G. B. Raymond	do		218	do	"
33	M. Kitchell	do		219	do	"
34	W. White	do		221	do	"
35	R. B. Atterbury	do		232	do	"
36	J. Hallet	do		233	do	"
37	A. Ackerman	do		234	do	"
38	J. Ludlum	do		236	do	"
	A. Post	do	N^o	15	Courtland	"

No	40	J. Petterson	Occupt	No	1	Chapel	A privy
	41	J. Hammond	do		4	do	"
	42	F. Baker	do		7	do	"
	43	W. Dusenberry	do		11	do	"
	44	A. Burbank	do		18	do	"
	45	D. Smith	do		20	do	"
	46	F. Spear	do		22	do	"
	47	C. Vanderhoof	do		23	do	"
	48	[90] W Darbefeuille	do		24	do	"
	49	M. Stimets	do		34	do	"
	50	J. Anderson	do		41	do	"
	51	G. Taylor	do		44	do	"
	52	P. Thompson	do		58	do	"
	53	P. Hull	do		61	do	"
	54	J. Riddell	do		63	do	"
	55	J. B. Camp	do		69	do	"
	56	A. S. Leary	do		70	do	"
	57	Mrs Jamison	do		71	do	"
	58	W. March	do		72	do	"
	59	J. M Lester	do		73	do	"
	60	W Phillips	do		75	do	"
	61	J. F Gordon	do		77	do	"
	62	A Rand	do		80	do	"
	63	T. Jones	do		82	do	"
	64	P. Vermilere	do		83	do	"
	65	D. Chewney	do		85	do	"
	66	M. Baker	do		87	do	"
	67	T. F Popham	do		91	do	"
	68	C *Garrighan* [Chankin]	do		94	do	"
	69	L Bennet	do		95	do	"
	70	G Haggerty	do		102	do	"
	71	C Carlock	do		109	do	"
	72	A Hall	do		110	do	"
	73	M Downs	do		111	do	"
	74	[91] E. Van Allen	do		112	do	"
	75	A Bates	do		113	do	"
	76	J Kennedy	do		114	do	"
	77	A. Joseph	do		115	do	"
	78	W^{m} L Roff	do		122	do	"
	79	J. Gourlay	do		172	do	"
	80	J Youmans	do		212	do	"
	81	T. Palmer	do		216	do	"
	82	E. Poole	do		217	do	"
	83	I Isaacs	do		219	do	"
	84	H. Van Beuren	do		221	do	"
	85	J Divine	do		226	do	"
	86	H M^{c}Gee	do		234	do	"
	87	J *Batifuhcr* [Botefuhr]	do		236	do	"
	88	M Russell	do			Chapel & Walker	"

o 89	E Fagan	Occupt		Chapel & York	A privy
90	E. S. Lazarus	do	No 1	Chamber St	"
91	E. Saddy	do	261	Greenwich	"
92	M. Crayton	do	263	do	"
93	S. Quiripel	do	265	do	"
94	W McKenny	do	273	do	"
95	S. Clark	do	293	do	"
96	J. McMullen	do	295	do	"
97	G. Ireland	do	309	do	"
98	Mrs Greene	do	311	do	"
99	A Collins	do	315	do	"
100	[92] W. M. Aymar	do		Harrison & Hudson	"
101	E Ludlow	do	7	Jay St	"
102	P. Holmes	do	17	do	"
103	P. Briggs	do	40	do	"
104	L. Debaun	do	5	Leonard	"
105	J. VanWaggenen	do	11	do	"
106	J. Farren	do	13	do	"
107	S. Lloyd	do	23	do	"
108	M Wall	do	25	do	"
109	H Scott	do	27	do	"
110	J. Mead	do	33	do	"
111	M Miller	do	35	do	"
112	M Campbell	do	37	do	"
113	M Baxter	do	41	do	"
114	J. Sherwood	do	53	do	"
115	G Collins	do	57	do	"
116	J. OMara	do	65	do	"
117	H Pratt	do	67	do	"
118	Wm Pryer	do		Provost & Varick	"
119	M Wiseman	do	95	Reed	"
120	R Jones	do	10	Thomas	"
121	A Selleg	do	14	do	"
122	T Oldis	de	16	do	"
123	J Mayers	do	18	do	"
124	G Hutson	do	28	do	"
125	R Quick	do	30	do	"
126	[93] S. Eustice	do	34	do	"
127	D. Allen	do	36	do	"
128	Wm Welsh	do	40	do	"
129	T. Morton	do	44	do	"
130	J. Moore	do	46	do	"
131	Wm Montgomery	do	48	do	"
132	T. Flender	do	50	do	"
133	T. Harrison	do	2	Varick	"
134	C. Mowat	do	5	do	"
135	A Lockwood	do	7	do	"
136	P. McGowan	do	51	Augustus	"

No	137	P Schermerhorn	Occupt	Walker	A privy
	138	Mrs Brown	do	Willet	"

G Cuming
City Inspector

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Law passed at the present Session of the Legislature entitled a Law concerning passengers in vessels coming to the port of New York, which was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

Alderman Seymour rose in his place and stated that it became his painful duty to report to the Board the death of his worthy colleague Joseph [94] Coles Esqr late Assistant of the 4th Ward a Gentleman whose amiable manners and Virtuous character had secured the respect and regard of all who knew him.

Mr Hone then rose and moved the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Resolved, that the members of this Common Council will in the respect of the deceased wear the usual Badge of mourning on the left Arm for the period of One Month.

It was then on motion resolved, that an election be held on the 26th & 27th days of Febry 1824 for an Assist of the 4th Ward in the place of Joseph Coles, deceased, and that David Bryson, Jacob Vanderpool, and John Robbins be the Inspectors of such Election which shall be notified, held and conducted agreeably to Law.

Alderman Ireland. stated that he had been requested by James Fairlie Esqr to state to the board that his state of health prevented his continuing to hold the Office of Commissioner of the Alms House and that he requested to be permitted to resign the same Whereupon. on motion the resignation of Mr. Fairlie was accepted.

[95] Alderman Zabriskie then moved that the Board proceed to an election to fill the place vacant by the resignation of Mr. Fairlie—A motion was made to postpone the same—The Question being taken thereon and a Division called by Alderman Zabriskie the members voted as follows.

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldns Wyckoff King Ireland Seymour Zabriskie Doughty Munson Mr. Bolton Burtsell Cox Woodruff. 12.

Affirmative Aldns Parker Mann Taylor Mr. St John Hone Conover Sherman Ostrander. 8.

So the question on postponement was lost.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Commissioner of the Alms House when John J. Westervelt was chosen there being 18 Votes for him and two Blank ballots—Whereupon it was Res that John J Westervelt be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of the Alms House [96] and Bridewell in the place of James Fairlie Esq^{r} resigned.

The following was presented & adopted. Resolved. that the Committee on Repairs be requested to examine whether any repairs or alterations are requisite in the yard or fixtures in the rear of the City prison and to have the same done.

Resolved. that the Superintendant of repairs under the directions of the Market Committee fit up the Centre building of the Washington Market as a dwelling for the Clerk of said market.

Resolved. that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of each Ward be directed to cause direction boards, designating the names of the Streets, to be placed on the several corners of the Streets which are at present without such directions.

[97] The Comptroller presented the following which was read.

Balance as per Acct. 2^{d} Inst		$45.99	
Received for	Tax 1, 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wards	21.250.	
Ditto	Streets	5.363.48	
Ditto	Justices Courts	893.55	
Ditto	Fines &c of Attorney	249.83	
Ditto	Lamps	355.32	
Ditto	Wells & Pumps	184.50	
Ditto	Fire Department	150.	
Ditto	Fines &c of Sherriff	130.	
Ditto	Street Manure	81.25	
Ditto	Fees &c District Atto^{y}	70.65	
			28.774.75

75 Audited Accounts

Leek & Wald[r]on Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	645.75
G, N, Bleecker Comptroller 1 Q^{r} Salary 15 Inst	418.75
R. Graves. St. Commis^{r} 2½ Months 1 Jan^{y}	312.50
J. P. Roome Super^{t} Repairs 1 Q^{r} 14 Inst	250.00
John Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Q^{r} 1 In^{t}	50.00
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Month 1st Inst.	65.75
[98] Harmanus Tallman Coroner fees 1 Qr. 1 Inst	304.56
Harris Scovell Justice 7. 10 Wards do do	400.
Will^{m} H Smith Clerk do do do	187.50
Sam^{l} Downing rent for Court do do do	25.
Abr^{m} Knapp do 4. 6 Wards do do	25.
John Ogden Dey 22 Maps for Members C. Council	165.
National Advocate Subscription 6 Months 1 Inst	50.

Hugh Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Q^r Salary 12 Inst........			625.
Rich^d Hatfield Clerk Sessions 1 Q^r do		do	375.
Rich^d Hatfield do to pay Witnesses		do	36.
B. Skaats Crier of Court 1 Q^r Salary		do	50.
Oliver Morse 35 Dinners for Court &c Sept^r 1823. Ordered 2 Inst..			40.50
James Hopson Special Justice 1 Q^r Salary 12 Inst.........			400.
Henry Abell Special Justice 1 Q^r Salary 12 Inst...........			400.
Smith Ovett do do 1 Q^r Salary 12 Inst...........			400.
S L'Hommedieu Clerk of Police 1 Q^r Salary 12 Inst......			312.50
R Stephens Assist. Clerk do	"	"	250.
S L'Hommedieu Clerk do Expenses to		"	29.43
Estate W^m Howell by Harr^t Howell Adm^x	prin. & In^t	Canal St Sewer	1146.79
Blackwell & M^{c}Farlan	do	do	493.83
Ja^s Boyd by his Attorney Eliz^h Boyd	do	do	356.89
[99] Will^m D Blackwell	do	do	303.72
Washington Walker	do	do	294.76
Mechanics Bank by J Flem^g Cash^r	do	do	256.43
John Leonard	do	do	63.52
Tho^s Brown Exec^r Estate J S & J S Watkins	do	do	58.15
Tho^s L Ogden	do	do	57.82
William M Carter	do	do	51.47
Samuel Engle	do	do	41.12
Henry Peters	do	do	37.07
Peter Schermerhorn	do	do	32.29
W^m Jones	do	do	25.75
P & M Allison	do	do	30.88
Hugh Maxwell	do	do	20.56
Arthur Smith	do	do	19.65
Isaac Stiles	do	do	19.41
James Tuttle	do	do	19.31
Widow Hamilton	do	do	16.73
W^m W. Fox	do	do	15.38
Tho^s Bennett	do	do	12.88
C Mooney Acct. Curb & Gutter & reg. Bleecker St C. Broadway & Bowery..			750.
C Mooney Acct laying Cross Walks 5th Ward............			600.
J. Bailey Acct reg & pav. North St. fr Chrystie to Orchard St..			430.
S Fargay Acct. reg. & pav Dover St fr Pearl to Water St..			390.
[100] A Quin Acct. reg. & pav. Bedford from Carmine to Houston St..			300.
H. Smith Acct. reg. & pav Front from Gouvernieurs lane to Counties Slip..................................			300.
T Cumming Acct. reg & pav Bedford St from Benton to Christopher			200.

S Fargay Acct. reg. & pav. Marketfield St	200.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg. & pav. Thompson St. from Spring to Bleecker St	180.	
H. Smith Acct. reg. & pav. Collister St. from Beach to Laight	100.	
J. Bailey Acct. reg. & pav. Lewis St. from Delancy to 4th St.	100.	
J Culbert Acct. reg & pav. Bleecker & Herring St from Broadway to Carmine	100.	
R. Pettigrew Acct. Curb & Gutter Christopher St	100.	
Abm Stagg Acct. reg. & pav. Stanton St < Ridge & Pitt St.	87.03	
G. Tucker. Altering & repairs Culverts C. Broome & Thompson	43.	
R Ayres. 196 Load of Gravel & Chips at Whitehall Slip &c	32.50	
Wm Torrey and Others Arbitrators fees valuing ground East Bank St	24.	
Edward Doughty. Surveys & Maps 1 Qr 1 Jay	424.92	
Benj Prince & Associates Assesss Streets. & Wells and pumps to 1st Inst	1142.56	
[101] E. W, Bridges Surveys & Maps 1 Qr 1 Jany	93.50	
J. Gallagher ball. on Well Attorney near North St	57.00	
Geo. Charlton bal. do 13th St near Broadway	42.75	
R. Pettigrew bal. do Christopher nr Washington	40.	
G Tucker. bal. building Wall at Battery	6019.21	
Jacob P, Roome Super Repairs for Repairs	930.	
Jacob P Roome do " fire department	250.	
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House	5000.	28.588.62
Balance		$185.95

The Board adjo[u]rned to meet on Monday next 5 O'Clock.

[102] Special Meeting. In Common Council. February 23d 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor, Prest
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.

Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W. King
Wm H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben S Munson.

Assistant

Thomas Bolton
Saml St John,
Philip Hone.
Wm Burtsell
Stephen Conover
Jamison Cox,
Thomas. T. Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman
Gideon Ostrander

Upon motion of Alderman Mann the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of N Lockwood and James Harriet to lay building materials [103] in the Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 2^{d} Ward with authority.

A petition of similar nature from J. C. Gascoigne was referred also to the Alderman and Assistant of 2^{nd} Ward with authority,

A petition from Sundry Inhabitants of Pearl St. to have the side walks in Sd. Street regulated and the Street repaived between White Hall St and the Battery was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Limberger was read stating that he was Security for John G Betts late Collector of Assessments, that said Betts is insolvent and suits having been commenced against petitioner he has confessed judgment to the Corporation $5708 $^{30}/_{100}$ that to indemnify petitioner M^{r} Betts has assigned a Leasehold Estate of the Value of $2000. That petitioner is insolvent but will assign said Lease to Corporation which he prays may be accepted in full and that time may be given him for the payment of Costs—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

[104] A petition of Isaac A, Schuyler Lessee of Stall N^{o} 62 Fulton Market requesting permission to resign said Stall, and that Stall N^{o} 21 in said Market be assigned to him, was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of the Inhabitants of the 9^{th} Ward residing on the Eastern side of the Island requesting that Measures may be taken to repair and fix in a permanent manner the 3^{rd} Avenue from the beginning to the end thereof. being read was referred to the Road Committee.

A petition of Amos Jones for Office of Sweeper of Washington Market. was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of similar nature for said Office from Zephaniah P. Morris was referred to the same Committee.

Similar petitions for same Office from Michael Johnson, Adonijah Hicks, David Johnson, and J, C Bennett were referred to the same Committee.

[105] A petition of Benjamin Sweet for Office of Inspectors of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of John Morrell and Tho^{s} T Morrell stating that their father Thomas Morrell was lessee of Lots No. 1 and 2 at York-town on Long Island that said Tho^{s} Morrell is deceased; that previous to his death he made a transfer of said lease to petitioners and request said transfer, may be sanctioned by the Corporation. Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Thomas Ryerson to be released from a Judgement obtained against him for not removing a Vessel agreeably to the order of the Lessee of public Wharves and Slips was read and referred to the Committee on police with powers.

A petition of Thomas Brown and Cha^s^ S. Watkins stating that a part of Washington St. has been fenced up by M^r^ Will^m^ Denney and praying that an enquiry may be made in relation to the same, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

[106] A petition of the American Bible Society praying that a Lamp may be fixed near their building in Nassau Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A petition of Peter J Nevins & others praying that the Waters between Exchange Slip and Whitehall Slip may be appropriated to River Craft. was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Isaac Valentine Lessee of Hay Scales on subject of rent due praying a reduction thereof, was referred to the Finance Comm^ee^

A petition of [a] number [of] Inhabitants of Oliver St. remonstrating against altering the name of said Street to Fayette St. according to a petition before the Board was presented, being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition for a Well & pump in Henry St. between Pike & Market Sts. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and St. Commissioner.

[107] A petition of James R. Manley requesting permission to remove from the burial ground of the Reformed Dutch Church in North St. the body of an Infant Child of his own, and also the body of his Brother, who were interred there last Summer to the burial place of the North Dutch Church in William Street was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of Leonard Baum deputy Clerk of Washington Market for an increase of Salary was referred to the Market Committee.

The Finance Committee presented the following Resolution.

The finance Committee respectfully suggests to the Board the propriety of changing the present mode of letting the public docks and slips, They are of opinion that the public interest will be promoted by dividing this property into districts, and renting it in detached parts, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the finance Committee be, and are hereby authorised to divide the public docks and Slips, (for the purpose of renting the same,) into such districts, as they may deem most [108] benefical for the public interests, and that the Attorney of the board be requested to draft an amendment to the Laws entitled, ("A Law to regulate the rates of wharfage") so that all wharfage after the last day of April next, shall be payable by the day, and at the rates established by the Laws of the State.

Wm H, Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell
Reuben Munson

Which was adopted and the Counsel was directed to report a Law accordingly

The finance Committee on the petition of John Shotwell and Phebe Shotwell praying an apportionment of an assessment on their property reported in their favour as follows

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Shotwell and Phebe his Wife, Report. that the petitioners are entitled by the Will of William Byron deceased, to two Certain Houses and Lots distinguished as numbers 150 & 152 Flymarket Street and that they wish to pay [109] the proportion which the said two houses & Lots, ought to pay of Certain Assessments indiscriminately assessed with other lots for improvements in that Vicinity, that by the Statute of March 23, 1821—entitled "An Act to Amend an Act, for the more effectual collection of taxes and Assessments in the City of New York" the Common Council have a right in such cases, to apportion Assessments, receive payment of part, and hold the remainder of the property for the balance,

Your Committee aided by the Street Commissioner, have apportioned the assessments under consideration according to the resolution herewith submitted and which they recommend, may be adopted

Resolved, that the part of the Assessment for building the Bulkhead across the Fly Market Slip assessed in gross, may be apportioned on the houses and Lots numbers 150 & 152 as follows, that is, that the sum of forty eight dollars eighty seven and an half Cents, and the interest on that sum from the time of confirmation of said Assessments till payment, and fifty Cents part of the expences charged thereon, be and the same are hereby apportioned upon the said Houses and Lots Numbers 150 & 152 Fly Market Street, being [110] together thirty two feet seven inches in front, and that upon payment to the Collector of the said Assessment the several sums aforesaid, the

Houses and Lots 150 & 152 fly market Street be and they are hereby declared to be free from the said assessment, and the remainder of the sum assessed in Gross as aforesaid together with the Interest and Costs thereon shall be a lien on the residue of the said Houses & Lots which were assessed in Gross

All which is respectfully Submitted

W^{m} H Ireland
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson
W^{m} Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of sundry persons assessed for the improvement of Maiden Lane requesting that ⅓^{d} of the Value of the Building may be allowed them, reported against the prayer of the petitioners as follows.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons interested [111] in opening and improving Maiden Lane, praying the board would refund them such sum as will be equal to One third of the buildings taken down, for making said improvement, by a relinquishment of filling in, and paving the Street—Report, that they have given the Subject that deliberate consideration which a communication from so respectable a Class of Citizens demanded. The Committee cannot but believe that the Commissioners would have assessed One third of the Valuation of the buildings on the Corporation, had they conceived it right and proper so to do, And unless it can be shewn that they have done injustice to the petitioners, by disproportioning or overrating their benefits, your Committee are of opinion that it would be manifestly wrong to refund from the public treasury, the amount asked for—No complaint of this nature having been made, they are of Opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

W^{m} H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} Burtsell
Reuben Munson.

[112] Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of James Riker for relief from part of an assessment laid on him for opening Hudson St. reported in part in his favour as follows

Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Riker, complaining of the sum assessed on his property, for Opening Hudson St. as being oppressive and disproportionate, and praying the Board would grant him such relief, as to them should seem just and reasonable, respectfully—Report, that they have deliberately considered the subject, and after endeavoring to view it in all its bearings, have finally concluded to recommend a remission of the interest due on said assessment, They are induced to do this because they believe the sum assessed on this property, far exceeds any benefits received, And your Committee are not alone in this opinion, as there appears attached to the Memorial a certificate signed by a number of highly respectable citizens, (who were also assessed for the same improvement) that declare "That they are fully impressed with the belief, that Mr Rikers assessment was excessive and [113] disproportionate." Another and perhaps a more powerful reason, for recommending a remission of the interest. Is, that the petitioner (owing to mental indisposition) was not in a situation to make his objections to the Assessment, at the time it was presented to the Supreme Court for Confirmation, Your Committee are aware of the impropriety (in ordinary cases) of interfereing with assessments made by Commissioners whom they did not appoint, and over whom they had no control, but the present appears to be a peculiar Case, and would seem to justify a remission of the interest at least, under these impressions they recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Collector be, and he is hereby authorised to receive from James Riker two thousand, two hundred and fifty Dollars, and that this sum be in full of all demands against him, for Opening Hudson St. provided the same be paid, on or before the 25th Febry Instant.

William H Ireland
George Zabriskie
(Signed) William Burtsell
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution was adopted,

Upon taking the question on agreeing to the Report [114] of the Committee Alderman Wyckoff having required the Ayes and Noes the Members voted as follows

Affirmative M^r Recorder Ald^n Ireland Seymour Zabriskie Parker Taylor Doughty Munson, M^r Bolton St John Hone Burtsell Conover Cox Woodruff Sherman Ostrander 17

Negative Alderman Wyckoff Mann. 2.

The finance Committee on the petition of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company. for an Apportionment of an Assessment for a Bulkhead at Fly Market Slip reported in their favour as follows

[115] The finance Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, respectfully report. that the petitioners claim title to as Mortgagees, and wish to pay the proportion which two certain Houses and Lots on the South-westerly side of Fly Market Street, Numbered One Hundred and Sixty and One Hundred and Sixty two ought to pay of certain assessments upon those two lots, in Gross with other lots, for a Bulkhead in that Vicinity, that by the Statute of March 23^d 1821, Entitled " An Act to Amend an Act, Entitled an Act for the more Effectual Collection of taxes and assessments in the City of New York," the Common Council in such Cases have the right to apportion assessments, receive payment of part, and hold the remainder of the property for the balance, Your Committee aided by the Street Commissioner have apportioned the assessments in the case under consideration, according to the resolution herewith submitted, and which they accordingly recommend to be adopted.

Resolved, that it is just and Equitable that the part of the assessment for building the Bulkhead across Fly Market Slip, assessed in gross, on the following two Houses and Lots with other [116] houses and lots of ground, be apportioned as follows, that is, that the sum of Twenty Nine dollars and Sixty two and a half Cents, part thereof and the interest on that sum, from the time of the confirmation of the said assessment, till payment, and twenty five Cents, part of the Charges, charged on the said assessment, be and the same are hereby apportioned, to and upon House and Lot, now or lately known, as Number One hundred and Sixty, Fly Market Street, being nineteen feet, nine inches in front, and that the further sum of Forty One Dollars and twenty five Cents, other part of the said assessment, and interest on that sum for the like period, and twenty five Cents other part of the Charges, Charged on the said assessment be, and the same are hereby apportioned, to and upon the House and Lot now or formerly known as Number One hundred & Sixty two, Fly Market Street, being twenty seven feet, Six Inches in front, and that upon payment to the Collector of the said Assessment, of the several sums aforesaid, the said Houses & Lots. Numbered One Hundred and Sixty and One Hundred and Sixty two, Fly Market St. be and the same are hereby declared to be free [117] and released, from the said assessment, and that the remainder of the aforesaid sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars and fifty Cents, together with the Interest and Charges thereon, shall be a lien on the residue of the Land on which the said Sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars and fifty Cents, was assessed in gross.

All which is respectfully submitted

Wm H, Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee, on the subject of amending the Electional Law for Charter Offices, presented a Report, which was read, laid for consideration and ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

A Report of the Trustees of the Bank of Savings of their proceedings, for the Year 1823, was presented, ordered to be filed and printed for the use of the Members.

[118] The following report was presented from the Comptroller

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board, that he has received from the City Treasurer, an application for a warrant for $67.500. the amount of three Bonds in his name, which sum was advanced to the Corporation out of the Taxes for 1823, Collected from Incorporated Companies.

The Treasurer is desirous of remitting the amount, to the Treasurer of the State, Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Act for the Assessment and Collection of taxes passed April 23rd 1823.

The Money now applied for, will be loaned by the Mechanics Bank.

It is respectfully recommended that an order should pass, Authorising the issuing of a Bond to the Mechanics Bank for $67.500 with Interest at Six per Cent per Annum, for the purposes aforesaid.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon the recommendation of the Comptroller was adopted. and a Bond directed to issue agreeably thereto. and be duly Authenticated

[119] The Attorney presented for execution a Water grant to

Thomas L Ogden and Perkins Nichols with the following report thereon

The Attorney respectfully presents a Water grant for the soil under water, on the East river between Seventh and Eighth Streets to Thomas Ludlow Ogden & Perkins Nichols, prepared in conformity with a resolution of the Board, passed February 16th 1824, The resolution directs that the water grant shall be made on the usual terms, as there is no general Laws or resolution on the subject of Water Grants above North Street on the East river, these terms the Attorney considers as existing in a similar grant made to Thomas L Ogden of the Land under Water, adjoining the Land at present in question to the southward, This grant to Mr. Ogden was made in the year 1823, and reserves a rent of 30 Cents per foot of front on the river (exclusive of the Streets) to the 1st May 1836 of 60 Cents for the next Seven years, of 90 Cents for the next seven, and of 120 Cents for every year forever thereafter. The Attorney has drawn this grant on the same terms, which are agreed to by the grantees, but they object to being made subject to a years rent on the 1st day of May next, [120] and think that the first yearly rent, ought to become due on the 1st day of May 1825 on this Subject the Attorney asks the direction of the Board, This grant also contains the usual Covenants relative to Streets, Wharfage, &c,

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M, Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the grant was directed to be executed on making the rent to Commence on the day of the execution thereof.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following resolution,

Resolved, that a Committee of be appointed to enquire and report to this Board their opinion as to the expediency of appropriating the Debtor's prison as a City prison, and the present City prison as a debtor's prison, Whereupon the Resolution was adopted and the following were appointed on the Committee Aldn Wyckoff Mr Recorder Aldn Munson Mann Seymour.

[121] The Board then took up the consideration of the proposed Law making an alteration in the Charter of the City. The first Clause being read was in the words following " Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened, that the Common Council of the City of New York shall hereafter consist of two seperate Boards to be denominated the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Assistants who together shall constitute the Common

Council of the said City and be known by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Alderman Ireland mooved that the same be rejected, Debates being had thereon and the question taken it passed in the Negative—The Ayes and Noes being required by Alderman Ireland the Members voted as follows, viz

Negative M^{r} Recorder Ald^{ns} Wyckoff, Seymour, Zabriskie, Parker, Mann, Doughty Munson Mess^{rs} Bolton, St John, Hone, Conover, Cox, Sherman & Ostrander, 15,

Affirmative Alder^{ns} Ireland & Taylor M^{r} Burtsell & Woodruff 4,

The Bill was then gone through by Sections, various amendments were made and it was approved of under the Title of " a Law to alter the organization [122] of the Common Council of the City of New York, The Attorney was directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature corresponding with the said Law, also to engross the said Memorial and Law, and his Honor the Mayor after having examined the same was requested to have them duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

Mr. Cox presented the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, that the thanks of the Common Council be given to Major James Fairlie for his long and faithful services as Commissioners of the Alms House, and that the Clerk of this Board be requested to furnish him with a Copy of the above Resolution.

The Board adjourned,

[123] In Common Council. March 1, 1824.

Present. The Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen.
Henry J Wyckoff
Elisha W King
W^{m} H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben Munson

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
Philip Hone
William Burtsel
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox
Tho^{s} T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman
Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The return of the Clerk of the City and County (Jn^{o} Woodward) was received, which stated as follows, I certify that from the Inspectors return on file in my office it appears that at an Election held in and for the 4th Ward of the said City on the 26th & 27th days of February last past, Saml Cowdrey by the greatest number of Votes was elected Assistant (Alderman) of the 4th Ward in place of Joseph Coles deceased

[124] Whereupon the Clerk was directed to give notice to Mr. Cowdrey of his Election and to request his attendance to take the oath required by law, A Notice was accordingly transmitted by the Clerk to Mr. Cowdrey who attended and took the oath of Office which was administered to him by his Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council. Mr. Cowdrey then took his Seat as a Member of the Board

The Mayor appointed Mr. Cowdrey on the following Committees in place of Mr. Coles deceased. viz, Chairman of Committee on Assessments, and a Member of the Committees on Canals, Public Offices & Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A request signed by Jonathan Thompson and Others a sub Committee for the use of the Sessions Room in the City Hall for the purpose of convening the Citizens on thursday evening next at 7 Oclock for the purpose of holding a Meeting to take up the subject of the Tariff Bill now pending before congress was presented, Whereupon it was Resolved that the request be granted.

A petition of J & N. Haight Manufacturers of Carpeting praying a reduction of a [125] Tax laid on there Manufacturing Establishment was presented, Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial was presented from Herrick & Benjamin. Henry Lowery and James Skelding who had signed a Memorial presented to the Corporation praying that all square rigged Vessels might be excluded from the Waters between Exchange Slip and White Hall Slip, they now request that there names be stricken off from said petition and not considered as subscribers thereto was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips.

A Memorial was also presented signed by a number of Inhabitants remonstrating against granting the prayer of the petition for excluding Squ[a]re rigged Vessels from the Waters between Exchange Slip and White Hall Slip which was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Charles Meeks stating that a Judgment was obtained against petitioner on behalf of the Corporation on 27th December 1822, that on petition of the petitioners, the police Committee of the Corporation directed the same to be remitted on his [126] paying the Costs which he has done but neglecting to have the judgment cancelled, The Attorney of the Corporation cannot now enter satisfaction as a Year and a Day have elapsed since the Docketing of the Judgment and requesting the Board will now authorise the same to be done. Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to acknowledge satisfaction of said Judgment

a Petition of several of the porters of the City stating that they are stationed between Wall St and Fly Market and not permited to solicit or take business in any other part of the City and praying the restriction may be taken off and that they may be permitted to exercise their profession in all parts of the City. which was referred to the Committee on public Offices

a Petition of Seely & Olmsted Lessees of the upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge St. requesting some repairs to the Watch House was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

a Petition that Sheriff Street may be paved from Grand to Stanton St. was referred to the St. Committee.

[127] A petition of the owners of property in the vicinity of Market Slip, that the Slip be extended easterly to the pier now owned by John Glover, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of a number of owners of property stating that several years past they paid an assessment for Widening Banker St. from Clinton to Grand St. but the work has not been done, and praying that the work be immediately completed or the money returned to those who have paid it, which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of George W Varian praying that a fine levied on him for selling Meat without license may be refunded to him as he is extremely poor was read and referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Simeon Ackerman for Office of Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read stating that in the Year 1821 the memorialists leased for a term of Years to the Corporation, a part of their Burial Ground [128] for the purpose of building a Fire Engine House thereon for the special consideration of having certain Vaults for the Burial of the dead built under the same, that by the Law respecting Interments they are prohibited the use of said Vault, and praying to be exempted from the provision of said Law or that the Corporation will pay a fair rent for the use of the ground leased to them, Whereupon the same was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of the Butchers of the Fulton Market praying that the rent of their Stalls in said Market may be reduced, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Chappel Lessee of Stall N° 60 Fulton Market praying that the rent of said Stall may be reduced was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Samuel D. Throop praying to be appointed an Inspector of Lime was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial of Sundry Dealers in Weights & Measures, sundry Measurers—Weigh Masters & Citizens was presented stating, than an additional [129] Sealer of Weights & Measures would be of great utility to the business of the City and recommending to that Office Abel W. Hardenbrook was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition from owners of property in Canal and Watts Street between Hudson and Greenwich Street praying, said parts of Canal and Watts St be regulated and the Carriage way paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from John Cropsey to be relieved from a personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Andrews Surry & others that certain sunken Lots on Laurens & Broome Sts. near Wooster St. may be filled up, was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Jacob Vincent to be appointed keeper of Park was referred to Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of Cornelius C Myers to be appointed keeper of the Park, was referred to Committee on Lands & places.

[130] A petition of Carman A Simonson Lessee of Stall N° 56 Fulton Market, praying rent of said Stall may be reduced was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against depositing Manure at the foot of Reade St. was referred to the City Inspector with directions to cause the Nuisance to be abated

A proposal of George Lorillard to purchase from the Corporation Lots No. 4, 5. & 6 on Chatham St. for $15000 and N° 29. 30. 31. & 32 on Tryon Row for $13,000 was referred to the finance Committee

A Letter was received from the Hon^{ble} M^{r} Allen, late Mayor enclosing a Letter addressed to him from the Secretary of War in reply to a letter on the subject of the use of the Bridge at the North Battery foot of Hubert St. the letter from the Secretary was as follows

Deparment of War

February 24, 1824

Sir

I have received your letter of December last, requesting on behalf of the Corporation [131] of the City of New York "the use of the Bridge leading to the foot of North Battery, so called, at the foot of Hubert & Laight Streets, as a public landing place for the accommodation of Vessels bringing Country produce to the City"

The use of the Bridge for the purposes stated by you is granted upon the condition that the Bridge shall be kept in repair by the Corporation, and that the United States shall have the right of a free passage over it, at all times

The commanding Officer has been accordingly instructed to enter into the necessary arrangements with the Corporation to give to it possession of the Bridge, with the reservation above mentioned

I have the honor to be

Stephen Allen — Your Obed^t Serv^t

Mayor City of New York — Sign^d J. C. Calhoun

Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers, & Slips

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received from Thomas Hyatt Member of the Legislature from this City and Chairman of the Committee on the Governor's Message in relation to the Harbor of New York stating that the governor had expressed an opinion that no further docking out [132] in the East river was proper and requesting the opinion of the Common Council on the Subject. which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

The Mayor also laid before the Board an Act passed by the Legislature to amend the Law for reducing the Laws relative to the City of New York into One Statute respecting Assessments, which was directed to be referred to the Law Committee.

Also a Law to amend the Law respecting Hackney Carriages which was referred to the Police Committee and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

He also presented a report from the Trustees of the Sailors Snug

Harbour of the property of said Institution which was directed to be filed.

A petition of W^{m} D Crolius for appointment as City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petiton of Thaddeus W Bennet to be appointed a City Measurer was referred to the Committee on Applications

[133] A petition of Asa Hall for payment of monies due him on contract for digging certain Streets in Greenwich Village was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Stephen Allen and others a Committee from a number of Citizens assembled at Tammany Hall on the 13th of February last requesting the Common Council to unite with them in an application to the Legislature to empower the Corporation to license Hawkers & pedlars or altogether to prohibit them in the City accompanied with a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature, was read. Whereupon the petition was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, and it being understood that the petitioners wished to make there application immediately to the Legislature, the Clerk was directed to deliver to them the Memorial and Bill which had accompanied their petition.

The Committee on assessments upon the petition of Henry Aaron, reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments respectfully report on the Annexed petition of Henry Aaron, That it appears by his Affidavit and the certificate of the assessors of the third Ward that his tax for the [134] Year 1823 ought to have been $600 instead of $5,000 at which latter amount he has been assessed

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 3rd Ward, be requested to receive the tax of the above named Henry Aaron at the rate of $600 and that he return the balance in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward

Signed, Stephen Conover
Henry J. Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on assessments on the petition of Solomon King reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on assessments respectfully report, On the annexed petition of Solomon King. That it appears by his affidavit, that in the year 1822 and after the assessment was made for his personal tax he became insolvent and that he now is in Indigent circumstances and unable to pay the sum of Eleven Dollars which he was assessed and for which amount a warrant has been issued by the Common Council Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

[135] Resolved, that the Collector of Arrears of taxes refrain from collecting the above described tax of Solomon King and return the same in the list of Insolvencies

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on assessments on the petition of Johnson Chase reported against the prayer of the petition as follows

The Committee on assessments, respectfully report. on the annexed petition of the Rev^{d} Johnson Chase, That the petitioner in 1822, held two lots of land, which during that year were taxed, and inasmuch as he held them in trust for the Bethel Free School, which was erected or commenced during that year, the petitioner wishes the taxes for that year, to be remitted—But your Committee think that the tax ought to be paid, and that the property was not exempted from the tax in 1822, whatever may be the case hereafter. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner [136] Ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Ann Shamburg. reported against the prayer of the petitioner as follows.

The Committee on assessments, respectfully report on the annexed petition of Ann Shamburg N° 104 Banker St. That the petitioner's personal property has been rated at $5000 whereas she asserts that it is worth only $2500, The Assessors state that she was duly notified, and made no objections at the time, and decline certifying in favour of a reduction. Your Committee therefore consider it impolitic and improper to interfere, and accordingly recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner Ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[137] The Committee on assessment on the petition of Benjamin Bailey reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on assessments, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Benjamin Bailey. That satisfactory proof has been afforded to your Committee that M^r Bailey's personal property (not otherwise taxed) should have been estimated at $1500, instead of 15,000 dollars—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the Collector be requested to estimate M^r Bailey's personal property at $1500, and return the Balance in the list of Errors and insolvencies.

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on assessment on the petition of James De Peyster reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on assessments respectfully report, on the annexed petition of James Depeyster. That the usual and satisfactory proof has been afforded to your Committee, that M^r Depeysters personal property [138] (not otherwise taxed) ought not to be rated above 500 dollars, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector estimate the personal property of Mr. De Peyster at 500 dollars, and return the Balance in the list of errors and Insolvencies.

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T. Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on assessment on the petition of John T Hauman reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on assessments respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John D Hauman, that the petitioner was assessed in the 5th Ward $12 for his personal tax, rating his personal property at a much larger sum than it is worth

The usual proof of this inaccuracy being produced in this Case, Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[139] Resolved, that the Collector be requested to collect the tax of Mr. Hauman, estimating his personal property at but $300, and that he return the balance in his list of errors and insolvencies.

Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on assessment on the petition of John B, Lawrence, respecting a lot belonging to him which was sold by mistake for nonpayment of taxes reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on assessments respectfully report on the annexed petition of John B Lawrence, that a Lot on pitt St. belonging to Mr Lawrence was sold for a nonpayment of a tax, when in fact, the tax had been paid, That this Circumstance occurred. owing to a mistake of the assessors, who assessed the same Lot twice. the tax was once paid and credited, but the second, (which was in fact the same) tax, was not paid, and the lot has been sold under these circumstances. your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution

[140] Resolved, that the Street Commissioner redeem the said lot, and that the Comptroller report a warrant for the necessary amount

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on assessment on the petition of Jane Ann Ferrers reported in her favor as follows.

The Committee on assessments respectfully report on the annexed papers as to a tax in the 3rd Ward, on the personal property of Mrs

Jane Ann Ferrers, That the usual proof has been afforded to this Committee, that Mrs. Ferrer's personal property (not otherwise taxed) is only worth $1200, And Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector be required to estimate the personal property of Mrs. Ferrers at only 1200 dollars, and that he return the balance in the list of Errors and Insolvencies.

[141]

(Signed)
Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Morrell and Thomas T. Morrell reported as follows.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John and Thomas Morrell, stating that in December 1818 the Common Council executed a Lease for two lots of ground Situate in Williamsburgh. Kings County, to Thomas Morrell, who is since dead, that previous to his death, said lease was transferred to the petitioners, who pray, that the Board would consent to said transfer, report that the[y] see no impropriety in complying with the request of the petitioners, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorised to give his consent to said transfer

(Signed)
W^m^ H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson
W^m^ Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[142] The finance Committee on the petition of John W Wyman respecting his demand as former Clerk of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions of the peace. presented the following report against the prayer of the petition which was approved and the resolution adopted

The finance Committee to whom was referred a Letter, from John W Wyman Esq^{r} late Clerk of the Court of Sessions, respectfully report. That M^{r} Wyman claims a Balance from the Corporation, of his uncollected accounts, as Clerk of the above mentioned Court, and of the

Court of Oyer and Terminer. His uncollected accounts are stated as follows. viz

1st from May 1818 to May 1819	$5209.76
2^d from May 1819 to Jan^y 1820	4837.75
3^d from Jan^y 1820 to Jan^y 1821	5744.13
4th from Jan^y 1821 to Febr^y 1821	750.70
Total	$16542.34

The amounts of Credits on the above accounts to be deducted therefrom are as follows. For fines and forfeitures collected and Credited by Mr Wyman

1st On the Acc^t to May 1819	$3778.42
2^d to Jan^y 1820	1381.93
3^d to Jan^y 1821	2194.72
4th to Febr^y 1821	303.58
Total	$7658.65

[143] The late district Attorney have also received of fines and forfeitures during the same period various sums, the aggregate of which amounted to $\$5234.^{50}/_{100}$ and the Corporation believing that they were liable to pay, or ought to pay to Mr. Wyman, a sum equal to the whole amount of fines collected, have at various times paid him the following sums, viz.

1st	$500.
2^d	931.34
3^d	2500.
4th	1303.16
Total	$5234.50

Amounting to the same sum as the several amounts of fines which were received by the District Attorney, Deducting the amounts of fines Collected & Credited by M^r Wyman, and the various sums, paid to him by the Common Council from the whole amount of his uncollected accounts, the balance which he claims is $\$3649.^{19}/_{100}$—It ought however to be further Stated, that during the above period Mr Wyman collected, and received to his own use, all the fees when the parties were able to pay them, And, all such fees do not appear in these accounts, The amount of fees thus collected may be safely estimated at $2500, to which add the amount of fines as Stated above, collected by Mr Wyman (to wit $\$7658.^{65}/_{100}$. also $\$5234\ ^{50}/_{100}$ paid him by the

Corporation, the total amount received, for two years and nine months is \$15 393 $^{15}/_{100}$ In addition to this amount Mr Wyman Claims the above [144] stated balance of his uncollected accounts, viz, \$3649.$^{19}/_{100}$—Your Committee have examined the law, under which these accounts occured, and it appears by all of them the Clerk was to be paid for his uncollected accounts out of the fines and forfeitures—But his uncollected Balances were always paid by the Legislature, untill 1819, when the Court of Sessions was restricted in taking the Bills of the Clerk—as follows "That the said Court shall not allow the said accounts to an amount exceeding the monies arising from the above described sources, which at the time of such allowance may, under this act, be subject to the order of the said Court." Under this Act your Committee are of the opinion, that it never was intended, that the Clerks Accounts should be allowed beyond the amount of fines and forfeitures—And that the Corporation are under no obligation whatever to pay the Balance claimed by Mr Wyman, out of the City Treasury—They having already paid him the whole amount received from the sources mentioned in the act, (viz), the fines and penalties, Under all the Circumstances your Committee cannot but hope, that this subject may never again be presented to the Board, for they feel persuaded that the oftener it is examined into, the more apparent will the illegality and impropriety of this Claim appear, under this persuasion they beg leave [145] to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant Mr. Wyman's request, to pay the balance of his uncollected accounts;

W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson
W^{m} Burtsell

The police Committee to whom was referred the petition of Albert Dermarest reported against the petitioner as follows

The police Committee to whom the petition of Albert Dermarest, the Sexton of the North West Dutch Reformed Church of this City, was, referred respectfully report, That the petitioner applies for the remission of a penalty incurred for neglecting to make report of interments, as required by an Ordinance of this Corporation, and founds his claim for indulgence, on his ignorance of the Law as applicable to the Case in Question

On appearing before your Committee, the petitioner. however not only admitted that he was fully acquainted with the interment which gave rise to this suit, but that he withheld his report in consequence of applications made to him for that purpose, From [146] the petitioners own statement, this is a case of open and intentional violation of the Law, and your Committee are of the opinion that the penalty ought not to be remitted—They submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

Thomas Bolton
Sam^{l} St. John
(Signed) T. Seymour
Reuben Munson
Geo. S Doughty

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Board of Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents presented the following Report. which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Board of Managers of the Society recently formed in this City for the reformation of Juvenile delinquents—Report. That they have taken the subject into consideration, and conferred with Gentlemen appointed in behalf of said Board, and they feel a pleasure in expressing their approbation of the laudable [147] objects which they have in view, perhaps no Institution is more desireable in our City than one which affords a place of refuge for neglected and depraved children just entering upon the paths of vice, where they may be reclaimed from their bad habits, their minds instructed in the rudiments of learning, and their time devoted to some useful employment—Also a refuge for those juvenile Convicts, continually discharging from the Bridewell & Penitentiary many of whom have neither friends, parents or employment to return to, The Committee believe that such an Institution, properly regulated and conducted, would not only tend to improve the condition of Society, by lessening the commission of Crime, and the number of Convicts sent to our prisons, but would have a tendency to diminish the expences of the City incurred on that account,

Under the direction of the inteligent and judicious individuals, who now superintend its concerns, the Committee feel Satisfied that the institution, and necessary erection of buildings will not only be carmenced upon an economical footing, but conducted in a manner calculated to produce permanent advantages.

The immediate aid which the Memorialists solicit from the Corporation, is a grant of Land, or a piece of ground for the purpose of locating their establishment. and commencing their operations, To [148] this Subject the Committee have turned their attention and are of opinion that the wishes of the Memorialists can be accommodated without much inconvenience to the City.

The piece of ground lying at the junction of the Bloomingdale and Old post roads, on which the United States Arsenal is Situated, was on the Seventeenth of November One thousand eight hundred and Seven, granted by the Corporation to the general government upon the express condition and understanding that the same should be used for the purpose of an arsenal and deposit for Military Stores, and whenever it should cease to be used for such purposes, it was to revert to the Corporation

This piece of ground, which together for the triangular plot in front, contains about three acres, the Memorialists are of opinion will be an eligible place for their establishment, and they have stated to the Committee, that if the Corporation will grant to the Memorialists the right and title to said piece of ground they are induced to believe that they can make an arrangement, with the General Government by which they can obtain their interest in the same, and the improvements thereon erected.

This request your Committee consider reasonable, and are of opinion ought to be granted, and therefore offer the following Resolution

[149] Resolved, that whenever the Board of Managers of the Society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents, shall obtain from the General Government a conveyance of their interest, in the piece of ground lying at the junction of the Bloomingdale and the Old post roads, the Corporation will convey to the said Board of Managers the said piece of Ground, and the triangular plot in front, by a proper deed for that purpose, to be used by said Managers for the purpose of a House of refuge for Juvenile Delinquents. On Condition that if it shall cease to be used for that purpose it shall then revert to the Corporation

Jameson Cox
Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Thomas Bolton
Shivers Parker

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Subject of Converting the Gaol into a Criminal prison. presented the following report.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of converting the Gaol into a Criminal prison respectfully report. That they have considered the subject and recommend that an Act of the Legislature be applied for authorising the Corporation of this City to locate the [150] Gaol and Criminal prison in such place or places within the City and County as may be thought most Convenient by the Common Council.

Various and urgent reasons induce the Committee to recommend this measure.

It has been long a complaint made by the keepers of the City prison that the building is to small and inconvenient for the purposes intended, at an early period, when the population of the City was comparitively small, and the number of offenders inconsiderable, the Bridewell proved sufficiently commodious, Until within a few years the public attention not having been directed to the Moral dicipline attained by Classifying offenders, no objection was made to the indiscriminate assemblage of the young, the old, the felon, the unfortunate, or indiscreet, in the same hall,

It is admitted, by all who have any knowledge of the extent and arrangement of the Bridewell, and the purposes for which it is used, that it is too small and inconvenient, with reference to the increased population of the City and increase of offenders, Several presentments have been made by Grand Juries, directing the attention of the public to the State of this Prison, with a view to its enlargement, or the erection of a more commodious building,

Many benevolent men, at this moment, engaged in the work of reforming offenders, by the establishment [151] of a house of refuge, deem it a matter of great importance that the Bridewell should be made sufficiently large and commodious to enable the keeper to separate old and hardened offenders from others less culpable; in a word to classify the Culprits in reference to their Crimes, ages, and Conditions.

That such a Classification ought to be made, no one can doubt.

It is the duty of the Magistrates, when an apprentice refuses to obey his master or misbehaves himself, to punish the offender by an imprisonment in the City prison not exceeding one month, and yet this punishment, instead of operating to reform the apprentice, will necessarily introduce him to the very worst companions, and familiarize him with the grossest immorality. This is so, and what Masters, parent or magistrate will not shudder at the infliction of such an imprisonment, however stubborn or ill behaved an apprentice or servant might be.

Complaints are sometimes preferred for assaults and Batteries, and breaches of the peace, in which the party charged may not be able to give bail, or procure it before a commitment, in many such cases, whether the party be guilty or innocent, as to actual degradation during confinement he suffers not less than the felon with whom he or she is compelled to eat, and Sleep and Associate.

[152] At the last term of the Court of Sessions a decent man, on a charge of Assault and Battery, was committed to the Bridewell, not because he could not procure bail, but because his friend could not be found. He was accordingly imprisoned in one of the rooms with notorious felons, in the course of the night they robbed him of his money and inflicted severe injury on his person.

There are other instances of great inconvenience and injustice which if necessary could be mentioned:

At this moment a man charged with murder and who ought in common humanity to be allowed the priviledge, if he be guilty, of making his peace with God, is exposed to the interruptions and ribaldry of the abandoned wretches confined within the same hall. The Keeper of the City prison is aware of these inconveniences, and regrets it is not in his power to remove them. Besides, public justice is consulted by preventing communications between persons charged with felonies; being separated, they will more readily communicate information by which Stolen property may be recovered, or Counterfeit money discovered.

In cases of sickness no accommodation in the Bridewell can be afforded to the patient. The physician indeed may prescribe, but this is not all required from the public in behalf of a Sick and perhaps innocent prisoner, waiting for his trial—Some apartment ought to be [153] provided, where the patient might have a bed, and a proper atmosphere, where he might have the benefit of Medicine as well as the advice of a physician.

The Building now used for the confinement of debtors being larger and more commodious than the Bridewell, being as well secured and as near the City Hall, if converted into a Criminal prison would obviate many of the inconveniences which at present exist, and advance some of the objects which have been stated, That building requires a new roof to be immediately put thereon.

If the Legislature should grant the request of this board it will be an easy matter to provide a suitable place for a Gaol for debtors, in case the Common Council should not think proper to appropriate the City prison for that purpose

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved. That the accompanying Bill be presented to the Legislature with a suitable Memorial from this Board, and that his Honor. the Mayor be authorised in the recess of the board to affix the Corporate Seal thereto, and forward the same to Albany

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs, be instructed, under the inspection of the Committee [154] on Repairs to cause a new roof to be put upon the debtors prison.

Henry J Wyckoff
T. Seymour
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Rich^d^ Riker

Whereupon the first Resolution was adopted and the Memorial to the Legislature and bill were directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

The Second resolution was after some discussion laid for further Consideration.

The Committee of the Board of Health upon the petition of W^m^ B. Astor and others requesting an application to the Legislature for an Alteration in the Health Laws respecting the introduction of furs from the interior of the United States during the Summer months, which petition had been referred by the Common Council to the Board of Health, presented the following report.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William B Astor, praying that an amendment may be made in the Health laws so as to admit Furs & peltries into our City during the summer [155] Months, if such furs and peltries are sound and come from the North.

Respectfully recommend that application be forthwith made to the Legislature for the annexed amendment to the Health Laws.

Rich^d^ Riker
Henry J Wyckoff
T Seymour
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B. Taylor.

Resolved, that a suitable petition be prepared and that his Honor the Mayor during the recess of the Board, affix the Corporate Seal and transmit the same with the annexed amendment to Albany.

Whereupon the resolution was adopted, the Bill presented was approved, and the Council was directed to prepare a Suitable Memorial to accompany the same

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine N° 2.

Thomas Phillips, Brass Founder N° 112 Henry Street
vice William Palmer. Time of Service Expired,
[156] Philip H Branson, Sadler & Trunk Maker 92 Mott St.
Vice William Reed, time Expired.

No. 3.

Israel O. Crocheron, Grocer N° 15 Front St.
Vice James Rush, Expelled for repeated violation of the Bye Laws

No 7

James Reynolds, Accountant 302 Pearl St.
Vice Elisha S, North Resigned.

No. 16

Charles Bullinger, Grocer. 22½ Nassau St
Vice Lewis Tricon, Left the City.

No. 20

James A. Rich, House Carpenter, 4 Lispenard St
Vice William Guest, Time Expired.

No. 22

Zoath Dexter, Carpenter 19 Henry St
Vice William Conden Expelled for neglect of duty

[157] Fire Engine No. 23.

Lewis J Lebret, Coach Maker 46 Lispenard St.
Vice Henry Moore, Resigned

N° 30

William Butler, Brewer. Bowery N° Rivington St
Vice John Luther, Time Expired.

N° 34.

John Goff Milkman Christopher St.
Vice William C Hough, Left the City

No. 36

Jotham Weeks, Grocer, C^{r} Varrick and Dominick
Vice John Mabie, Resigned

Joseph Morin Carpenter, N^{o} 16 Grand St.
Vice Thomas B Saffin Resigned

The Attorney presented the following report on subjects of the suit against Messerole & Higgins late Contractors for Street Manure which report was approved and the Comptroller directed to Cansel the Bond as recommended.

The Attorney of the Board respectfully report, [158] that a Suit against the late contractors for the Street Manure, having been determined in favour of the Corporation, the amount recovered has been paid, and that the defendants desire that their Bond should be given up and cancelled.

The Attorney recommends, that the Comptroller cancel and deliver up the Bond of Bernard J, Messerole and Michael D Higgins and their sureties, for the late Street contract, provided that there is nothing due on it up to the time when the contract was surrendered.

Submitted respectfully

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

The Attorney pursuant to a Resolution of the Board, Submitted for consideration a Law respecting the public Wharves and Slips, which had been examined and approved by the finance Committee which was read by paragraphs & passed under the title of "a Law to amend the Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips, and to regulate the rates of Wharfage—The Law was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board and the Finance Committee were authorised to have such number of Copies printed as they should judge necessary

[159] The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating and paveing Herring St. from Carmine to Christopher St. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented on the petition referred to him of Thomas Brown & Charles S Watkins respecting a fence put up by W^{m} Denning, in Washington Street the following report which was accepted.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Thomas Brown and Charles S, Watkins, respectfully reports —That a part of Washington St near Murray St. having been lately fenced in by Mr Denning, the said petitioners request the Corporation to remove the obstruction by such measures as may be necessary in order that Washington St. may be opened and unobstructed to Sixty feet in Width.

The part now fenced in had previously been for several years, a part of Washington Street, Regulated, paved, and used as such, long enough it is presumed to entitle the public to the use of the St. forever. and therefore it is believed, any individual may prostrate the fence without being liable to the present or former Owners

The late Council of the Board reported [160] on this matter on the 18th of February 1822,—and the Street Commissioner accords with him in the recommendation therein given—viz, " that this Corporation " under all the circumstances of the case should not interfere in the " matter

All which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) R Graves
St. Commissioner

The City Inspector presented the following Report, of the returns of Inspectors and Measurers which was directed to be filed.

The City Inspector respectfully presents to the Board an aggregate report of the returns of the different Inspectors, and Measurers appointed by the Corporation, which were received and recorded in the office, conformable to the 29th Section of the amended Laws prescribing his duties.

viz.	848,325	Bushels of	Wheat
	385,251	Do	Oats
	924,900	Do	Corn
	448,437½	Do	Rye
	93,730½	Do	Barley
	15,114½	Do	Salt
	45,082½	Do	Malt
	3.072	Do	potatoes
[161]	636	Do	Beans
	807	Do	Peanuts
	550	Do	Peas
	194	Do	Buckwheat
	755	Do	Flaxseed
	143	Do	Dry'd Apples

2,766,998 total of Grain

Also, 3473 Chaldrons and 01½ Bushels of Sea Coal There were 38 Inspectors reported the above

Also

97,119 Tubs of Charcoal—by Six Measurers

and

53.608 Loads of Manure—by four Inspectors

and

25,380 Loads of Lime by Seven Inspectors

and

273,117 Loads of Firewood by Nineteen Inspectors

There are also recorded in the office similar reports since 1816 with the average prices, which, at all times are accessible to the public

respectfully Submitted

G Cuming City Inspr

He also presented the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

[162] The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz.

No	1	J. Robertson	Occupant	No	2	Beach St	A privy
	2	J. Beam	Do		4	do	"
	3	J. Davidson	Do		5	do	"
	4	D. Shannon	Do		6	do	"
	5	J. C Vanderbilt	Do		8	do	"
	6	A Reton	Do		8	do	"
	7	T. Thornell	Do		10	do	"
	8	King & [of] Diamond[s]*	Do			Beach & Greenwh	"
	9	Miss Bennetts	Do		351	Broadway	"
	10	M Hale	Do		218	Chappel St	"
	11	M Zany	Do		94	Church St	"
	12	A Skinniman	Do		11	Desbrosses St	"
	13	P. Mabie	Do		13	do	"
	14	A Zabriskie	Do		15	do	"
	15	J. Gaffit	Do		16	do	"
	16	J. Vanvaler	Do		17	do	"
	17	J. Whitley	Do		20	do	"
	18	P. Hopper	Do		25	do	"
	19	T. Thomas	Do		29	do	"
	20	A. Pitts	Do		4½	Front St.	"
	21	C. Henry	Do		12	do	"
	22	W. Jessup	Do		13	do	"
	23	O. Jaques	Do		15	do	"
	24	S. Whitney	Do		65	do	"
	25	[163] J Denham	Do		66	do	"

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* George Luke had a store and tavern at Beach and Greenwich; see 5th Ward *Tax Book, 1824*, Longworth's *New York City Directory, 1824-25, New York City Tavern Licenses*, 1824-25.—Ed.

26	W Brown	Occupant	68	Front St.	A Privy
27	J. F Miller	do	70	do	"
28	J Phelan	do	74	do	"
29	Mr. Ferris	do	76	do	"
30	A Ming	do	84	do	"
31	W Osborn	do	220	Greenwich	"
32	S. Bridgwood	do	224	do	"
33	W Robertson	do	226	do	"
34	J. Heaton	do	240	do	"
35	N Hewitt	do	244	do	"
36	B Bonnett	do	246	do	"
37	W. McClusky	do	248	do	"
38	N B. Holmes	do	262	do	"
39	N Lecompte	do	264	do	"
40	E Burger	do	268	do	"
41	J. Quackenbush	do	270	do	"
42	A. Wiley	do	284	do	"
43	T H Hunt	do	286	do	"
44	D. Wilkins	do	306	do	"
45	D L Hitch[c]ock	do	310	do	"
46	J. O Driscoll	do	318	do	"
47	G. Hodgson	do	340	do	"
48	W. Falconer	do	344	do	"
49	J. Coulter	do	348	do	"
50	W. Falconer	do	350	do	"
51	[164] J. Kemp	do	372	do	"
52	S Burrell	do	383	do	"
53	J. Parker	do	389	do	"
54	J. McClave	do	402	do	"
55	J. Duyckman	do	407	do	"
56	W. Cunningham	do	414	do	"
57	J. Dick	do	416	do	"
58	D C Mundy	do	417	do	"
59	J. Bogert,	do	428	do	"
60	J. Newman	do	430	do	"
61	J. Galbraith	do	431	do	"
62	J. Roach	do	433	do	"
63	H Westervelt	do	435	do	"
64	Mrs Cox	do	441	do	"
65	W. Mode	do	443	do	"
66	E Stoddart	do	445	do	"
67	J Lowerre	do	487	do	"
68	A.T. Hunter	do	17	Hudson St	"
69	J. T. Morris	do	85	do	"
70	G Gaffit	do	3	Laight St	"
71	J. Doubleday	do	5	do	"
72	T. Black	do	8	do	"
73	H Clark	do	10	do	"
74	Mrs Edgar	do	8	Lispenard St	"

N^{o}	75	J. Vanvelsan	Occupant	10	Lispenard St	A privy
	76	J. M^{c}Donald	do	21	do	"
	77	[165] W^{m} Hyer	do	38	do	"
	78	J. M^{c}Curdy	do	3	Moore St	"
	79	W Vandenberg	do	14	N^{t} Moore St	"
	80	J. Aitkins	do	50	do	"
	81	A Bowden	do	51	do	"
	82	J. J. Westervelt	do	53	do	"
	83	J. Black	do	55	do	"
	84	C Mabie	do	67	do	"
	85	Mrs Woodruff	do	68	do	"
	86	G. Burger	do	69	do	"
	87	R Pedon	do	71	do	"
	88	A W Brown	do	112	Orange St	"
	89	W^{m} Kerr	do	10	Pearl St	"
	90	T. Marquand	do	12	do	"
	91	T. H. Merry	do	27	do	"
	92	R Hastings	do	48	do	"
	93	D Ward	do	58	do	"
	94	B Merritt	do	89	do	"
	95	R T Haines	do	100	do	"
	96	B Wakeman	do	102	do	"
	97	Hamlin & Peck	do	118	do	"
	98	J Collet	do	119	do	"
	99	A Tappen	do	120	do	"
	100	C Squire	do	126	do	"
	101	Hull & Bowne	do	146	do	"
	102	Smith M^{c}Call & C^{o}	do	174	do	"
	103	[166] C O. Halsted	do	176	do	"
	104	T. W. Walker	do	10	Provost St	"
	105	J. Paradise	do	12	do	"
	106	J. Power	do	14	do	"
	107	*T.* [D] Irving	do	38	do	"
	108	W J Child	do	42	do	"
	109	F. D. Priest	do	46	do	"
	110	J. Anderson	do	48	do	"
	111	J. Peal	do	60	do	"
	112	S. Ruckel	do	66	do	"
	113	E. M Forman	do	78	do	"
	114	W Knight	do	34	Spring St	"
	115	B. Keeler	do	36	do	"
	116	W M^{c}Guire	do	2	St John's Lane	"
	117	J. R. Brady	do	4	do	"
	118	S. D. Vanderburg	do	9	Varick St.	"
	119	W, Morrison	do	1	Vestry St.	"
	120	T. Asten	do	8	do	"
	121	P. Schermerhorn	do	2	Walker St	"
	122	J. Stiles	do	30	do	"
	123	A. Clark	do	33	do	"

124	W. Willis	Occupant	35	Walker St	A privy
125	J. Thompson	do	60	do	"
126	P. Doras	do	3	Water St	"
127	W. E. Mathews	do	6	do	"
128	G. Bass.	do	7	do	"
129	[167] Mrs Beataugh	do	9	do	"
130	J. Glass	do	15	do	"
131	G. Taylor	do	43	do	"
132	D, Strang	do	45	do	"
133	A Tucker	do	64	do	"
134	L Salles	do	136	do	"
135	D. Hedden	do	22	Watts St	"
136	Miss Geers	do	3	White St	"
137	W^m Stebbins	do	13	do	"
138	R. Fraser	do	39	do	"
139	F. Pope	do	3	York St	"
140	J. Collard	do	5	do	"
141	P. *Aigin* [Hagan]	do	6	do	"
142	A D Brower	do	7	do	"
143	J Welding	do	8	do	"
144	Widow Brower	do	9	do	"
145	A Tucker	do	11	do	"
146	G Munro	do	13	do	"
147	B. Beck	do	15	do	"
148	W. J. Cantelo	Owner		Downing St	A Lot
149	Jn^o C Shaw	do		do	"
150	W^m Bayard	do		Broome St	"
151	S. Miller	Agent		Mulberry St	"
152	E. Hoyt	Owner		Greene St	"
153	M^r Chase	do		Mott St	"
154	Johnson & Son	do		do	"
155	[168] John J. Astor	do		do	"

(Signed) G Cuming
City Inspec^r

The report of the Special Committee on the Resolution amending he Election Law for Charter Officers was called up and read in words ollowing

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to mending the Election Law for Charter Officers, having examined he subject and taken the opinion of the late Chancellor Kent, by hich it appears, that some Legislative Aid is necessary, particularly in elation to certain Oaths to be administered to electors, do report the nnexed draft of a Bill which they have prepared for that purpose. hey recommend that the same, after being approved by the Board, be forwarded to the Legislature, together with a memorial to be prepared by the Counsellor of the Board.

(Signed) A, Sherman
Tho^{s} Bolton
M Ulshoeffer
R. Riker

I Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, That whenever any person shall present himself [169] to vote, at any charter Election in the City of New York, as being a freeholder, qualified by the Charter of the said City to vote for Charter Officers, and either of the Inspectors shall suspect, or any elector of the Ward shall challenge him as being unqualified, the Inspectors shall tender or administer to him the following Oath or Affirmative.

"I   do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I am a Citizen of the State of New York, or of the United States, and of the age of Twenty One Years to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am a freeholder, and have been so for One Month next preceding the election, and possessed in my own right or my Wife's right (as the case may be) of a freehold in the City of New York, that I do not hold the same in trust for any body, corporate or politic, or for any pious or religious use, and that I have not procured the said freehold under any obligation or understanding to convey the same to any person after I have voted at this Election." And if the person so presenting himself to vote, shall offer to vote on the Ground of his being a freeman of the City, then the following Oath shall be presented to him. "I   do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm, that I am now and have been for three months last past, a freeman of the City of New York, and do actually reside in the Ward in which I now offer to Vote, and have not been polled before at this Election." And if any elector [170] shall refuse or neglect to take the oath tendered to him, after stating to the Inspectors on which of the qualifications he offers himself to Vote, and shall persist in such refusal during the election, he shall lose his Vote at such election.

II And be it further enacted, That whenever any person shall present himself to give his vote at any Election for Charter Officers, on the ground of being qualified by the second article of the Constitution to Vote for members of Assembly in said City, and he shall be suspected or challenged as before mentioned, the Inspectors shall tender to him the Oath prescribed in the 8th Section of the Act of the

Legislature, entitled "An Act for regulating Elections" passed April 17th 1822, or such part or branch of said Oath, as shall apply to the qualification or qualifications in question, And the said Inspectors, in relation to electors for Charter Offices, shall be governed by and pursue the provisions of the said Section in all other particulars, And the latter part of said Section, relative to false swearing and subornation of perjury, shall apply equally and in every respect to electors of Charter Officers.

III And be it further enacted That no person shall Vote for Charter Officers at any Election in the said City, except in the Ward in which he shall actually reside

[171] IV. And be it further enacted. That the person entitled to vote for Charter Officers in the City of New York and all such persons as are, by the Constitution, qualified to vote for members of Assembly in said City, and all such persons as are qualified by the charter of the said City, granted on the 15th day of January in the year 1730, And no persons shall vote at any such election for Charter Officers, except those who now are or hereafter may be qualified under the said Constitution or Charter of the said City as aforesaid.

Whereupon the Law was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare a Memorial corresponding therewith to be authenticated during the recess of the Board and transmitted to the Legislature

Alderman Taylor presented the following

Resolved. that the Gaol and buildings on the ground lying between Free School No. 1 and the park be removed and that so much of the public property be disposed of as will pay for building a suitable place to be used as a City prison which was referred to Mr Sherman Aldmn Taylor, King, Zabriskie, Parker,

Alderman King presented the following, Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature [172] for an Act rendering it a Misdemeanor, to originate a false alarm of fire in this City—and that all offenders be liable to be arested by any Watchman, Fireman or other person without any Warrant for that purpose which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

The Comptroller presented the following.

Balance as pr Acct 16 Febry	185.95
Recd for Taxes of 1823 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 & 10 Wards	28.250.
" Rents	12,961.24
" Streets	11.013.65
" Police Office	922.32
" Wells & pumps	529.78

Rec^{d} Tavern Licenses &c.......	417.37	
“ Clerk of Courts fees..................................	106.04	
“ City prison fees......................................	99.	
“ Mayoralty fees	91.	
“ Commutation Alien passengers.......................	25.	
	$54.601.35	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorized 23 Feb^{y}.............	27.000.00	81.601.

80 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1 Dis^{t}............................	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 “	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 “	645.75
Geo. Cuming City Inspector 1 Qr. Salary 1 In^{t}............	200.00
[173] Talman J Waters Clerk Comptroller's Office 1 Qr Sal^{y} 24 Feb^{y}	200.00
Thomas Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr “ 18 Feb^{y}	125.00
B. Skaats. Keeper City Hall 1 Qr “ 24 Feb^{y}	100.00
W^{m} J Waldron Assis^{t} City Inspector 1 Month Salary 1 Inst	42.
Obadiah Ayres do “ “	42.
Astin & Cochran Messengers “ “	48.
C Gilman Keeper of Battery “ “	29.
A. M^{c}Cready Keeper of park “ “	29.
Dan^{l} H. Magee Keeper of potters field “ “	36.25
O Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward “ “	29.
P. Wright “ “ 2^{d} do “ “	29.
T. Jeroleman “ “ 3 do “ “	29.
Nich^{s} B Lyon “ “ 4 do “ “	29.
A. Ackerman “ “ 5 do “ “	29.
W^{m} Kerr “ “ 6 do “ “	29.
B. Fuller “ “ 7 do “ “	29.
S. Hutchings “ “ 8 do “ “	29.
D. Hubbard “ “ 10 do “ “	29.
B. Skaats Expenses for Corporation 1 Qr 24 Feb^{y}........	435.68
Ja^{s} Kent Counsel fee on question of Charter Offices &c...	100.
Benj Hicks Assis^{t} Board of Health 1 Mo. 1 Inst..........	42.
J. Pinckney do “ “ “	42.
Stephen Gould, Laws of the State for Members C Council.	211.70
F & H Van Pelt. printing Cartmen's Laws & Licenses......	84.
Editor of American 6 M^{o} Subscription 26 Feb^{y} &c........	52.
C Brown, binding Laws &c..............................	4.87
[174] G B. Thorp, Keeper City prison & Depu^{y} 1 Qr Salary 1 Feb..	450.
Leon^{d} Baum Clerk. Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst......	61.25
Jn^{o} Bremner “ Catharine “ “ “	53.
P. Ammerman “ 6 Markets “ “ “	47.50
Geo. Duryee “ Fulton “ “ “	41.67
Rich^{d} Smith “ Franklin “ “ “	36.25
Isaac Astin Sweeper Fulton “ “ “	[illegible]

J. Hays. for Officers Extra Service police 1 Qr 26 Feby	310.41
J. Hays " do Conveg persons to C prison 1 Qr. 1 Feby	114.50
J. Hays " do do do to penitentiary 1 Qr. 26 Feby	53.
P. H Wendover sheriff for Officers attendg Circuit Court to 14 Feby	441.25
G Snethen superg & lighg Lamps 1 Month 1st Inst	747.65
Nathan Comstock 31 Casks Oil	740.95
Robt Provoost repairg Lamps 1 Mo. 1 Inst	117.86
Editor National Advocate advertising Sales of taxes &c	70.
Jacob Vanderpool for Inspectors & Clerks. Election 4th Ward	26.
Geo. Lorillard prin & Int. for Canal St Sewer	629.29
Est. of Jno Ashfield " " " "	265.69
James W Bleecker " " " "	219.06
Peter Hattrick " " " "	141.80
James Beekman " " " "	70.83
Jeremiah Mulford " " " "	64.27
St of New York by Alexr M Muir " " "	51.91
Benjn S Knapp " " " "	50.02
George Suckley " " " "	49.09
James Riker " " " "	47.62
[175] William King " " " "	45.04
Thos & Geo. Lovett " " " "	44.98
A. L Underhill Prest Fultn Ins Co " " "	29.96
Daniel Morrison " " " "	25.70
Abm Kidney " " " "	23.44
William Adams " " " "	23.19
Daniel Hale " " " "	19.43
Jno L Riker for Est J Lawrence " " "	9.08
Jno Surre for Mary Surre " " " "	5.17
Catharine Ackerman " " " "	5.14
A Quin Acct. pitching & pav. Downing St from Herring to Varick St	1000.
J. Pinkerton Acct. reg & pav. Canal St from Church to Sullivan St	800.
J. Bailey Acct. pitching & pav North St from Chrystie to Orchard St	700.
Thos Fairchild Inspecting pavements Sundry Streets	403.12
G. Tucker. Acct. Maiden Lane Sewer	400.
H Smith Acct. pitching & pavg Washington St from Watts to Charlton	300.
J. Culbert. Acct. reg & pav. Bleecker & Herring St	250.
H, Smith, Acct. reg. & pav. Front St. from Gouverneurs lane to Coenties Slip	200.
A. H. Mooney Bal. reg. & pav. Laurens St from Bleecker St to Amity Lane	167.37

H. Smith. bal. reg. & pav. Prince St from Broadway to McDougall St	54.93	
[176] James Pinkerton Bal. paving Sidewalks Allen St. from Grand St to Stanton	19.96	
H, Smith repairing Intersections 2d & 7th Wards	6.50	
Editor Commercial Advertiser advertising Sales of Assessments	76.	
John Fleming for 3 Bonds without Interest, Amount advanced by him out of taxes for 1823 from Inco[r]porated Companies	67.500.	81.238.22
Balance.		$363.13

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight.

[177] In Common Council. March 15th 1824

Present The Honbl Wm Paulding Junr Mayor, President,
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J. Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St. John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover.
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	T. T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson.	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A petition of James Gardner for relief from a personal Tax in 5th Ward having been assessed and paid Tax in 6th Ward the same Year, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[178] A petition of Joseph Tarratt for reduction of Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of John C Stevens stating that lots No 2172, 2173 on Arundel St and 3403 on Columbia St owned by him were assessed for Tax in the names of other persons of which he was ignorant and were sold for nonpayment of said tax and praying to be relieved from the Costs accrued thereon which were read and referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Thomas and Geo Lovett for relief from Costs on Sale of a Lot owned by them sold for Nonpayment of Tax, which tax was assessed in a wrong name, was referred to the finance Committee

A petition of James Rushton for relief from a tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Abijah Arden for relief from a personal tax assessed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of William Miller for [179] relief from a personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Isaac Wright & Sons and others was read stating that they find the Telegraphic Establishment at the Flag Staff is of great utility to the Merchants and Ship Owners of the City, that they therefore wish to hire the flag staff for the ensuing year and pray it may be again leased to them, which was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of William Osborn praying that the sum of $21 paid by him for Tax on 3 Several Lots corner of Broome and Wooster Sts. which was more than was due may be refunded to him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A remonstrance from a Committee of the Measurers of Grain &c in the City against the appointment of any more Measurers, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Josiah Shippey Junr for office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

[180] A petition of Joseph Crowell to be appointed a Measurer of Lime was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Owners of Lots on the 6th Avenue and on 13th Street praying that said 6th Avenue may be opened and extended as far as 13th Street. was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Hickson Wilson for an extra allowance to him on the contract he executed for building the Watch House at the Corner of Wooster and prince St. was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Mary Taylor stating she is owner of House N° 602 Broadway, that the adjoining House projects 3 feet beyond the line designated as the Eastern boundary of Broadway, and is injurious to her property, and praying said House may be ordered to be removed on a line with the Street, which having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Arnout Brown to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

[181] A Remonstrance from Allen Cooper and others against the paving Sheriff Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 36 for a new Engine was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A petition of James C Boggs to be appointed a City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Robert M Livingston praying a discontinuance of a Suit brought against him for not filling in certain Lots was read and Laid on the table, it was afterwards call up and referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of James H Rowland praying Counsel may be assigned to him to defend a suit brought against him for acts done in discharging his duty as a Watchman, which being read was referred to the police Committee with powers &c

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants that a Street may be opened from Ferry St. to Frankfort [182] St. 40 feet Wide and Cliff St widened from Beekman to Ferry St. in the plan submitted was referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of John J Glover and others against widening Market St. Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of John Titus and others that the elevation of North St. between Avenue C. and the East river, may be reduced, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John T Blauvelt to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of the lessees of Paulus Hook ferry and others, that the pier at the foot of Courtlandt St. may be extended, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of Jonathan Peck of Flushing, stating that he has constructed a Steam Boat, (the Linneus) to ply between New York and Flushing and praying an [183] *praying an* exclusive privilege of a Birth for his said Boat at Fulton Slip Wharf, which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips.

A Letter was received from Henry M Nichols of Vermont requesting patronage for a Machine he has invented to take persons out of the upper Stories of houses when on fire, which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A petition from Sundry Inhabitants of Chatham Square complaining of the resort of Hay Waggons to that place and praying some other place may be designated for them, was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of Samuel Lyons to be appointed keeper of Pottersfield, was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of David Robertson praying Compensation for his services as Keeper of the penitentiary in the year 1816, and that the same may be set off against a judgement of the Corporation against him as Security for Wm A Hardenbrook, and that in meantime execution against him on said judgment may be staid, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[184] A petition of James H Hawes for Stall N° 10 Spring St. Market, was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Benjamin Winthrop to be relieved from a Judgment against him on an Ordinance for filling up a Lot, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Patrick O'Connor now confined in Gaol for relief from a fine incurred by selling Oranges in the Street, was referred to the Police Committee with powers

A petition of Jacob Rabineau for a place to locate his salt water floating Bath was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Francis Class to be appointed a Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications

A petition of William Bayard praying that 7th Avenue and 15th, 16th & 17th Streets may be opened through his lands the ground for which, he will cede, on Condition, that no assessment is made on him for opening said Streets which being read was referred to the road Committee

[185] A petition of Danl S Griswold &c Lessees of Ferry to Williamsburgh at foot of Grand St. praying for the use of the Mud Machine to clear out Grand St. Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips.

A petition of Mayland Riell & C° for permission to erect a Lime House in the Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward with powers &c.

A petition of Amos Corning and Samuel Burhans for permission to remove a frame building from Walker to Vestry St. was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A petition of Lewis Valloo for permission to remove a frame building N° 324 Grand St to Delancy St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward, & St Commissioner with powers &c.

A petition of Isaac Styles for a relief from a personal tax was referred to the Comittee on Assessments

A petition of Daniel Clark that the pavement on the side walk in front of 76 Courtlandt St. may remain until the rest of the Walk is regulated [186] was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of the Connecticut Steam Boat Company was presented, stating that they had commenced running the Steam Boat United States between New Haven and New York and they pray a birth may be assigned them where said Boat may stop, and also with the privilege of piling wood on the Dock, which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves. piers & Slips.

A petition of Edward Hitchcock Contractor for Street Manure for 1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th & 5th Wards stating that a penalty has been incurred for depositing manure at the foot of Reade St. that he is removing the same and prays the subject be referred, Whereupon it was referred to the police Committee

A petition of Messerole and Higgins former Contractors for St Manure, praying an allowance on Rent due from them in consequence of losses sustained by the prevalence of the Epidemic in 1822, accompanied with a Statement of the Arbitrators to whom the dispute between the Corporation and the petitioners had been referred which statement was favourable to the petitioners was presented and being read was referred to the finance Committee

[187] A petition of Sundry Inhabitants, stating that the present mode of Weighing Hay, by weighing once the Waggon or Cart, in which Hay is brought, is liable to great uncertainty and to imposition and praying that the Law respecting the same may be amended was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of James Bleecker Auctioneer for permission to Sell in Chamber St. opposite the Savings Bank some Co*u*[a]ches and other Carriages the property of a Mechanic unfortunate in business was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward with Authority &c

A petition of Nathl Smith Prentiss was read stating, that he is owner of a House and Lot N. Westerly corner of Broadway & Liberty St. that he is desirous of building on the same, that he has been informed the Corporation once claimed a right to 5 feet along the whole line of the Lot on Liberty St. by an Act of the Legislature passed 4th May 1784—that he is also informed the Corporation intend Widening said Liberty Street. He therefore requests Corporation will signify to him whether they have such claim as is above mentioned, and whether they intend opening said Street—which having been read was referred to the Counsel.

[188] A memorial of considerable length was presented from John W. Weyman setting forth his claim to a certain Balance due to him as Clerk of Oyer and Terminer and of the General Sessions of the peace and also his reasons against the late Report of the Com-

mittee of Finance and praying a reconsideration of his Case—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a great number of Inhabitants against the Law lately passed amending the Law regulating the lying of Vessels in the public Slips, which was read and referred to the finance Committee

A petition of Abijah Matthews for permission to place building materials in the Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward with Authority &c.

The Special Committee on the account of John L Broome Esqr late Clerk of the City and County presented the following Report, which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of John L Broome Esquire late Clerk of the City and County of New York for services rendered by him under the act for regulating Elections.

[189] Report, That they have faithfully examined the said account, with a view to regulate future charges of the same description—The duties of the County Clerks are very plainly pointed out by the Statute, and have in this instance been strictly complied with. The Board of Canvassers since the passage of the Act have directed their certificates with a statement subjoined to be published in four news papers, and it would seem by the tenth Section of the Act, that they in this respect possess unlimited power, and that the Board of Supervisors have only to provide for payment of such expence. The words of the Act are that the Canvassers "Shall cause such certificate to be published in the News papers printed in said County or such of them as they think proper with a statement subjoined thereto"—It would have been difficult for the Legislature in making a general provision for the whole State to have been more definite and a discretion must necessarily be lodged somewhere. But your Committee cannot perceive the necessity of publishing such certificate in four papers in this City. It can afford no additional Security—the Certificates are to be recorded, and transcripts are required to be sent to the Governor and every department of the State—So far as it regards this City it does not appear to be necessary for the purpose of giving information to the Electors, for it is well Known that the result of every Election is ascer [190] tained several days before such certificate can be published, In Counties that are sparsely populated and extend over a wide tract of Country it may be necessary that the official returns should be published in all the papers printed in the

County as the best means of affording accurate information to the Electors living remote from the Clerks Office

The expense of each publication is Twenty One Dollars, and however inconsiderable it may appear your Committee consider it too much to pay for publishing State News, and more especially as the account when once audited will form a precedent for each succeeding year

The aggregate amount of the Clerks account submitted to the Committee is $\$140^{2\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$ including $84 paid by him for publishing the Certificate.

This sum having been advanced by him in good faith your Committee recommend that the account as stated be audited and paid But they are of opinion that in future, publication in two papers will be a full compliance with the requisition of the Statute and all that appears to be necessary, It is presumed that the recommendation of the Common Council or Board of Supervisors to the Canvassers will have the effect of diminishing the expense above mentioned and to that end your Committee offer the following resolution

[191] Resolved, That it be recommended to all future Canvassers, to publish their Certificate of Canvass of Votes in this City in two papers only

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Common Council, in favour of John L Broome Esq^{r} late Clerk of the City and County of New York for $\$140^{2\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$

All which is respectfully Submitted

Signed E. W. King
R. Riker
S, Cowdrey

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Brick presbyteran Church presented the following Report, which was approved and directed to be filed.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the annexed memorial of the trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York—report, That the facts set forth in said Memorial they believe to be true, which are in substance—That the Corporation of the said City did in the year 1766 lease to the said Trustees the piece of ground on which the said Church is now situated, to hold the same forever, at the annual rent of One hundred dollars, on the condition that they should either erect a Church thereon or some part thereof, or use the same [192] or a part thereof for a cemetery or burying ground and for no other purpose, And on paying the rent and using the ground as aforesaid, the Corporation covenanted that they should possess and quietly enjoy the same, without trouble or molestation

The Memorialists pray for no specific object, but state that they cannot discern or explain, how the Law of the Corporation prohibiting interments in the said City, can be so construed as to leave them in the full enjoyment of all their rights and privileges under said lease, and they conclude by requesting the Corporation to give the subject an early attention, and bring it to an issue Compatible with their rights and privileges granted to them as aforesaid—From which the Committee presumes, that the issue they desire is no other than a repeal of the law prohibiting interments in the City, so far as it relates to them—Should such a measure be granted, it would in the opinion of the Committee render the law, which is now general and uniform, partial in its operation, objectionable by others, and calculated to defeat its own beneficial effects.

The Lease to the said Church was granted nearly Sixty years ago, when the ground, like many other cemeteries then in the City, was considered as lying in a manner out of Town, or at a distance from the dense population of the City, but at present it is far below the center [193] of the City, and adjacent to a compact neighborhood, a circumstance, which, while it indicates the views of a former period in the location of burying grounds, and the propriety at present, of looking beyond the heart of the City in the establishment of new ones presents an important reason, not then existing, for passing the Law or ordinance in question.

The lease contains a proviso inserted with an intention to prevent the Trustees from using the ground for private purposes, and to define the use that should be made of it—It says that the Lessees shall either erect a Church thereon or on some part thereof, or use the same or some part thereof for a Cemetery. This language is in the alternative, and gives to the lessees the option of electing which of the two purposes they would appropriate the ground to—If they were bound to make an election of one of the alternatives, it would result as a matter of course that they could not use the ground for both purposes, and this your Committee believe to be the legal construction which would be given to that part of the Lease referred to.

But should the opinion of the Committee on this point be not well founded, then another question presents itself as to the legality or validity of the said Ordinance as it relates to the memorialists, and on this point the Committee cannot but think, that when it is viewed in its proper [194] light, the memoralists will feel sensibly impressed with the correctness of its provisions, however, repugnant they may appear upon a superficial view to the tenor of said lease. It is a well known fact, that there are different kinds of Corporations, varying in their nature and possessing powers more or less limited—The most extensive kind are public bodies incorporated for the purpose of local government, and they always act in two different characters or capacities—viz Public and Private—Of this kind is the Corporation of this City, and in its public Capacity it acts in passing and enacting all laws for the general good, and in the adoption of all other regulations and ordinances of a general nature.

In its private capacity it acts in the purchase and Sale of property, conveying ground to individuals entering into contracts and other acts of a like kind in which acts, no other person is effected or interested but the individual contracted with or acting with them, It can never be supposed or believed, that in conveying a piece of ground or selling a building, the Corporation parts with its powers and rights in a public capacity of a City Government or that such piece of ground or building is to be exempt from the operation of all general laws and ordinances passed for the public good, and not subjected to [195] its equal portion of the City assessments, taxes and other regulations, Were such the case the government of the Corporation would be imperfect, partial in its operations and not have a general and uniform bearing upon subjects calling for their interference.

It was in this private Capacity of the Corporation, that the trustees leased the ground in question, and with a knowledge that the Corporation possesses the power of passing laws for the government of the City, and may be presumed therefore to have consented to the same, and taken the ground subject to all such general provisions and regulations as might be adopted for the good of the City—In this view of the subject they stand in no worse situation than other trustees, or individuals, and does justice require that they ought to stand in a better?

But the subject may be presented in another point of view, still more convincing, if possible, to the minds of your Committee; in which the Corporation may be considered as acting not only in their public capacity, but in this particular case, as agents for the State, and carrying into effect the power and authority of the State. By an Act of the Legislature it is enacted and directed that the Corporation of the City of New York shall have the power of passing by

Laws for regulating and prohibiting the interment of the dead [196] in the said City. It was by virtue of this authority and in pursuance thereof, that the Corporation passed the Laws in question—"Between a Government acting directly, says Chief Justice Marshall, and acting through the agency of trustees there is no essential difference." The State then may be considered as acting through the agency of the Corporation, and it is the same in effect and principle as through interment had been prohibited by a Law of the Legislature.

In pursuance of similar authority in other cases, though upon the same principle, the Corporation have long been in the practice of taking the ground of the Individuals for the accommodation of the public, as well, ground held directly from the Corporation, as that held in the ordinary way under individuals—Such has been the case in the erection of docks and Slips, Streets and Markets, and the exercise of such necessary power has never been adjudged illegal or unconstitutional when called in question—In the case of M^r^ Cashman who held ground by lease of the Corporation, with the usual Covenants of quiet enjoyment, and under a specific rent, it became necessary to take the same, by an Ordinance of the Corporation in opening and extending Chamber Street. M^r^ Cashman brought a Suit in the Supreme Court, complaining of the proceedings of the Commissioners of estimate and [197] Assessment—The Court decided against him and confirmed the proceedings on the part of the Corporation—This the Court would not have done, had the Covenants in the Lease been a bar to the proceedings under the ordinance of the Corporation, in their public Capacity, directing said Street to be opened,

It is true that in the Cases alluded to, the individuals were paid for the ground taken, agreeably to the directions of the Law of the State, but in the Case of the Memoralists the ground was not taken from the trustees, they were only prohibited from using it in a way believed to be prejudicial to the public good—They are supposed to be benefited by the general good effects which the law was intended to produce—Besides, the State law on this Subject, does not direct or authorise a Compensation to be made, were the prohibited use capable of being reduced to any specified Value—Nor does the principle of Law made to regulate or restrain nuisances, authorise compensation for private inconvenience

With these views your Committee cannot but express the conviction on their minds, that the Laws prohibiting interments, does not operate more unfavourably upon the Memoralists, than upon other trustees in this City, and that any partial exemption extended to one church, or the placing any one cemetery on a different footing from another, would be, in the opinion of your [198] Committee unjustifiable upon any principle of equal justice and propriety.

Should however the memorialists feel themselves agrieved, a suit is now depending against them relative to a Case of interment, as Your Committee are informed, in which they have an opportunity of bringing the question before the Supreme Court for their opinion.

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) A, Sherman
E W King

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Newton and others respecting the Bridge at the foot of Hubert Street leading to the North Battery presented the following report which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Newton and John G Leake and of a very large number of the Inhabitants owners of property and residents in Greenwich Hudson and the cross Streets in the Vicinity of S^t Johns Church praying that the Bridge leading from the end of Hubert Street to the fort or North Battery may be converted into a public pier for the landing of fire wood and other necessary articles for the accommodation of that [*] part of the City there being no public pier for such purposes from Washington Market to Spring St. Respectfully Report. that in consequence of the above petition, and in pursuance of a resolution of the Common Council the late Mayor transmitted a Letter to the Secretary at War requesting the bridge leading to the North Battery at the foot of Hubert St. for the use and purpose above stated to which an answer was received by him from the Secretary which is hereunto annexed granting the privilege requested by the Corporation upon the condition following "That the Bridge shall be kept in repair by the Corporation and that the United States shall have the right of a free passage at all times " and that the Commanding officer had been accordingly instructed to enter into the necessary arrangements with the Corporation to deliver up the possession subject to the reservation above mentioned, the Committee have examined the Bridge and caused an estimate to be made by the Superintendant of repairs of the probable expence of puttting it in suitable repair from which it appears that the amount required will be inconsiderable

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* New page, not numbered.—ED.

Especially when contrasted with the income that may reasonably be expected annually to be received therefrom it will it is presumed net a good interest on the money expended, there is perhaps no part of the City as densely populated so entirely destitute of suitable landing places as that comprehended within the limits mentioned in this report inasmuch as the Bridge can be repaired with a moderate expense and [200] when repaired will be productive and moreover, greatly promote the convenience of a large district of the City the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Corporation will accept of the Bridge leading to the fort or North Battery so called at the foot of Hubert St upon the Condition contained in the Letter hereunto annexed from the Secretary at War.

Resolved, That the said Bridge be repaired under the direction of the Superintendant of Repairs as soon as the necessary possession thereof shall be obtained by the Corporation

George Zabriskie
W^m H Ireland
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Sam^l Cowdrey
Asa Mann

The Committee on Lands and places to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons for the Office of Keeper of pottersfield reported as follows. viz,

The Committee of " Lands and places " to whom was referred the petitions of sundry persons, for the appointment of Keeper of Pottersfield, Report that they have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and are of [201] the opinion that the present incumbent is, from bodily infirmities and a variety of circumstances wholly incompetent to perform the duties of his office, and therefore the public good requires that he should be removed therefrom—and that another, and a suitable person should be appointed thereto.

Your Committee would further state that among the several applicants for that office, they have selected, and agree to recommend to the Consideration of the Board. M^r William Schureman as a person who in their opinion is well qualified to be the Keeper of pottersfield, and therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That Dan^l H Magee, be, and he is hereby removed from the office of Keeper of Pottersfield.

Resolved, That William Schureman be and he is hereby appointed to the office of Keeper of Potters field.

Sam^l St. John
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Alpheus Sherman
W^m Burtsell.

Whereupon the resolutions proposed were adopted & Dan^l H Magee was removed and William Schureman appointed in his place.

[202] The same Committee presented the following which was adopted.

The Committee on " Lands & places " deems it expedient that, the Trees on the Battery, Bowling Green, and Park, should be trimed, and the Park and Bowling Green Manured, as the season is fast advancing they recommend the subject to the attention of this Board, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Committee on Lands & places, be permitted to cause the Trees on the Battery, Park and Bowling green trimed; the fences repaired at the Battery, and the park and Bowling green manured,

(Signed) Sam^l St. John
Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander
Alpheus Sherman
W^m Burtsell

The Finance Committee presented the following Report in relation to the Docks & Slips

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that upon duly considering the subject, they are of the opinion that the accompanying Laws as to the Docks and Slips ought to be passed, before the docks & Slips are leased under the new system. This Law is [203] necessary to correct two errors in the Laws lately passed on that subject, 1st as to the rates of wharfage on Vessels under 5 tons burden, and 2d as to placing all Vessels on the same footing as to their liability to be removed out of or in any Slip. When this amendment shall have been passed the new system will be prepared but your Committee think that the laws under the new system ought to be published together, so that they may be Easily consulted and understood, They therefore also submit to the Board a resolution to have the Laws on the Subject printed.

Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Reubon Munson
Wm Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the law reported by them was passed under the Title of "a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves & in the Slips and to establish the rates of wharfage passed the 1st March 1824,

The following resolution was also presented and adopted, Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council procure 100 Copies to be printed of the Laws to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rates of Wharfage as the [204] same is amended, and is to be in force on the 1st of May next, The Law so amended was presented by the Attorney and passed under the title of a Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips, and to establish the rates of wharfage. Mr Cowdrey gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration on the vote for the passage of said Law.

The Finance Committee on the communication of George Lorillard on the purchase of several Lots held by him under Lease from the Corporation reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Communication from Mr George Lorillard requesting to know whether the Board would take Twenty Eight thousand dollars for several Lots of ground which he at present occupies under lease from the Corporation, respectfully report.

That they have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and are finally of the opinion that it would be unwise to part with this property at present, for the sum, and upon the terms proposed by Mr. Lorillard, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to dispose of the above named property, upon the conditions proposed by Mr Lorillard

Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Willm Burtsell
Geo. Zabriskie

[205] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Rob^t R Hunter and others on subject of leasing the Albany Basin presented a Report which was laid for consideration, Was afterwards called up and referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips.

The finance Committee on the petition of George Robertson presented the following report.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George Robertson, beg leave to report, that they have duly considered the matter therein set forth and are of the opinion that the subsisting Suit of Mr Robertson with the Corporation ought to be Compromised.

They accordingly agreed with Mr Robertson to have his Lot of Land (which was partly taken for opening 13th Street) valued, and the annexed certificate of Mr Torrey, A Labagh and Thomas Miller places the valuation at $575, principal and Interest to this time

Altho your Committee are not disposed to admit a legal liability on the part of this Corporation to pay this sum, yet there are peculiar circumstances attending this case which have induced your Committee to propose a settlement of the suit. The expenses of this proceeding, if continued before the Court of the United States, would probably amount [206] to as much to either party as the matter in controversy is worth—and thus the Corporation (If they succeed) would lose as much as they will have to pay on this settlement. The Corporation however are not liable at all to Mr Robertson, in the opinion of your Committee, and should he recover, the recovery would be of the Lot of Land in dispute—And it then could be fenced in by him, leaving the Corporation to pursue such measures to open that part of the Street as the Law in such cases provides

Under all the circumstances, (it being pretty certain that Mr Robertson could not pay the Costs if the Suit finally was determined against him.) considering the case of the petitioner a very hard one, and resting on grounds which will not probably form a precedent for any future application, Your Committee have agreed to recommend a purchase of the Lot of ground in dispute from the petitioner, agreeably to the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That upon George Robertson's discontinuing and discharging his suit against the Corporation, and paying the Costs thereof incurred on his part, and upon his executing a proper Deed, with full covenants for the whole of the said Lot in fee simple, and unincumbered, to this Corporation and shewing that he has a [207] go this Board will pay him the amount of the aforesaid Valuation, Viz, 575 dollars, and will pay their own costs in the aforesaid suit, and the expense of the aforesaid Valuation

W^{m} H Ireland
Reuben Munson
(Signed) W^{m} Burtsell
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo. Zabriskie

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications upon the petition of Sam^{l} D Throop for Office of Inspector of Lime, reported in his favor as follows,

The Committee on applications for Office having taken into consideration the petition of Sam^{l} D Thorp for the Office of Inspector of Lime, beg leave to report that, they have made strict inquiry into his character and ability for that office and find him well recommended, and believe him worthy and competent, and whereas we find by the City Inspector's report, there are but Seven Lime Inspectors, and from other good information that three or four of that number pay but little or no attention to it, we have deemed a fair vacancy open which ought to be filled, We therefore recommend [208] and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Samuel D Throop be and is hereby appointed an Inspector of Lime for the City of New York

T Seymour
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Geo. S Doughty

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Matthew Bolmer, Executor of John Samler Deceased, reported against the prayer of the petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Matthew Bolmer praying to be relieved from a Personal Tax, Assessed upon him in the year 1822, in the Sixth Ward, as Executor of the Estates of John Samler, respectfully report.

That they find the said Bolmer was Assessed in the Sixth Ward, in the year 1822, as Executor of John Samler's Estate for $9770 per-al property, The City tax upon this sum is $42 ${}^{99}/_{100}$, and the

State tax is $\$9\,{}^{77}/_{100}$. These two items make together the sum of $\$52\,{}^{76}/_{100}$ for which, (as the Collector of Arrears of taxes states) and not for the sum of $\$53\,{}^{84}/_{100}$. [209] as Stated in the Petition. Mr Bolmer had been called on, It will be observed that this case is to be decided by the tax Law of 1813, and not by the present tax Law, And this Committee find that the general usage of the Assessors, and their construction of the former tax law have been that personal property in the hands of Executors, and Administrators might be taxed. Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

Respectfully Submitted.

Stephen Connover.
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T. Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Letter of John Hyatt Esq^{r} in relation to the Message of the Governor on the subject of Docking out in the East river presented the following Report which was approved.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed Letter of Tho^{s} Hyatt Esq^{r} a Member of the Legislature from this City. to his honor the Mayor, requesting, as Chairman of so much of the Governors message as relates to the Harbour of New York [210] his opinion if any, and if any what course ought to be adopted in relation to that subject, that he had conversed with the Governor who was of the opinion that no farther docking out on the East river ought to be allowed, lest it might injure Navigation by increasing the rapidity of the tide, and that a survey of the Harbor ought to be had and laid before the Legislature at their next Session, have duly considered the matter referred to them, and have examined the Charter of the City, and the grant and laws of the State relating thereto, and respectfully offer the following as their report.

The Charter of this City page 100 grants to the Corporation of New York all the ground covered by water on Hudson river from Bestavers Kilitie to the South of the Street described as running before our fort in New York to Hudson River comprehending four hundred feet from low water mark into the river, and also all the ground covered with water on the East river from the north side of Corlears Hook to White Hall comprehending four hundred feet, into the river from low water mark, In the year 1807 letters patent were issued by the Commissioners of the land Office granting to the Corporation all the land covered with water, along the easterly Shore of the North river from low Water mark, and running into the river four hundred feet from Bestavers Kiletie four miles to the North along the shore of the said river, containing [211] also a similar grant for all the ground covered with water, from the North Side of Corlears Hook two miles Northerly, on the west side of the East river & running the same depth into the river below low water mark as aforesaid,

By the 220th Section of the Act to reduce several Laws relating particularly to the City of New York into One Act passed April 9th 1813 the Corporation are authorised to lay out as far as the same has not already been done and according to a plan to be agreed upon for that purpose regular Streets or Wharves or Streets of 70 feet in front of those parts of the City which adjoin the North and East Rivers and of such extent along the said Rivers as they may deem proper and as the buildings are further extended along the same they may extend the said Streets

By 224th Section of the same Act the Corporation are further authorised to direct piers to be Sunk and completed at such distances and in such manner as they in there discretion shall think proper in front of the said Streets extending along the said Rivers to be connected to the Said Streets by Bridges

The Committee deemed it proper to present at one view the provisions relating to this Subject which are contained in the Charter and the subsequent grant [212] from the Commissioners of the Land Office and in the Act of the Legislature above mentioned from which it will be seen that the ground covered with water to the distance of four hundred feet from Low Water Mark into the North and East rivers and for a very considerable distance along the Shores of these rivers is guaranted to the Corporation by their Charter and by a grant obtained in the year 1807 from the Commissioners of the Land Office, And by the Law of 1813 they are allowed to sink piers out into the said rivers to be connected with Bridges, to the Seventy feet Streets or Wharves to be laid out along the rivers aforesaid.

It is obvious that in proportion as the Channel of the East river is narrowed the rappidity of the tide increases while from its peculiar connection with the Ocean by the means of the Narrows and Long Island Sound necessarily moves with more than ordinary violence, no inconvenience in the knowledge of the Committee has as yet been felt, and they are not aware that any farther docking out is at present intended unless imperious circumstances should render it unavoidable, and then it can [213] only be done with the Sanction of the Legislature or Other Competent authority, It is taken for granted that no abridgement of the rights refered in this report as far as the same may be within the controle of the Legislature is intended they are believed to be of vital importance to general welfare of the City. In the opinion of the Committee there is no necessity either to cause a Survey of the Harbour to be made or of any Legislative provisions in relation to the Same,

Geo. Zabriskie
Asa Mann
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Sam^{l} Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland.

The Market Committee on the petition of Leonard Baum, deputy Clerk of Washington Market representing that his Salary is insufficient for his support and praying it may be increased, Reported as follows,

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Leonard Baum deputy Clerk of Washington Market representing that his Salary is insufficient for his support [214] and praying it may be increased,

Report, that the Salary of this Officer was fixed before the Building of the New Country Market at $312 per year, that since that time the business of the Market has greatly increased, indeed so much so, that since the appointment of the present Clerk the collections made by him has been about equal to those of Fulton Market, and nearly double what was received last year in the corresponding months. Your Committee would therefore recommend that his Salary be increased to that payed the Clerk of Fulton Market, and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Salary of the deputy Clerk of Washington Market be five hundred dollars per Year, to commence from the first of March Instant

Respectfully Submitted.
Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Tho^{s} T Woodruff
Tho^{s} Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[215] The Finance Committee presented the following communication respecting the agreement wth John B. Yates Esq^{r}

The finance Committee respectfully Report, that John B. Yates Esquire, has pursuant to the agreement entered into by him with the Corporation, made application to your Committee, during the recess of the Board, That the time for concluding the matter on the part of Mr Yates is the 15th March 1824, and that your Committee, under all the circumstances, concluded that the public Interest would be best promoted by taking Security (If no Act of the Legislature is passed.) at some future time—Mr Yates has accordingly executed an agreement on his part, which is herewith Submitted to the Board, together with a Counterpart, to be executed by the Corporation

W^{m} H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Reuben Munson
W^{m} Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Whereupon the agreements presented were directed to be duly executed.

[216] The Comptroller presented the following communication requesting a release of Quit rent to the Estate of Thomas Buchanan Deceased

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, for their approbation, a release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot in the 7th Ward, granted to Hendrick Rutgers on the 3d February 1773.

The Indenture is to the Estate of Thomas Buchanan, and was commuted by Samuel Gilford Jun^{r} Agent for said Estate, on the 5th Inst, It is approved by the Counsel of the Board

(Signed) G. N, Bleecker
Comptroller.

Whereupon the release was directed to be duly Executed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine C° N° 1

John W, Striker, Pump & Block Maker 142 Church St
Vice Joseph Hind. Resigned

Nathan Hoyt, Smith, N° 10 Vestry St. Vice Jacob Haff Resigned

[217] Fire Engine C° N° 4

William Drake, Grocer, N° 42 Water St.
Vice Casper O Dusinberry, Expelled

Fire Engine C° N° 6

John W Forbes, Clerk N° 61 Greenwich St.
Vice James Graham, Deceased.

Fire Engine C° N° 12

Frederick Bogardus Cordwainer N° 95 Eldrige St.
Vice Patrick Kerrigan, Left the City
Wm F. Hopson Accountant N° 24 Vandewater St.
Vice Peter Slocum, Resigned,

Fire Engine C° N° 13.

Charles J Hubbs, Clerk N° 174 Water St.
Vice Rowland H. Timpson, Resigned
Nathaniel B, Blunt, Clerk, N° 37 Wall St.
Vice Gilbert J Horton Resigned,

Fire Engine C° N° 14

Alexander W Stewart Carver N° Leonard St.
Vice Baltes Moore Junr Time Expired,

[218] Fire Engine C° N° 17

John Crothers, Merchant Tailor N° 98 Cherry St. To fill a Vacancy.

Fire Engine C° N° 25

John Tyson, Exchange Broker, N° 62½ Wall St.
Vice Abraham Franklin Junr Resigned,

Fire Engine C° N° 28

John Ames, Butcher N° 207 Mulberry St.
Vice John Jones, Resigned,

Fire Engine C° N° 29

Jacob Brush, Lumber Merchant, Spring St.
Vice Joseph Willoughby, Resigned,

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for building public Cisterns in Rose Street which was confirmed and Morris Dr Camp was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the final Return of delinquents on Sundry Assessments in order that they may be referred to the

Finance Committee for Examination previous to their being advertised—Which was accordingly referred to [219] the Finance Committee,

He also presented returns of delinquents on sundry Assessments upon which Warrants were ordered to Issue to Morris D^{e} Camp to collect the Same, viz

Assessments for paving North St from Christie to Orchard,
Ditto Ditto Downing St. from Herring to Varick
Ditto Ditto Front St. from Coenties Slip to Gouv^{r} Lane
Ditto Regulating &c Bleecker St. from Bowery to B^{d}Way

The Attorney presented the following Report on Mr. Cowdrey's declining to Act as Commissioner on Sundry Assessments

The Attorney of the Board respectfully communicates to the Common Council that Samuel Cowdrey Esquire who was appointed by the Supreme Court, at the last term thereof, One of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening Eighth Street, for Extending Thompson Street, and for Opening the fifth Avenue, has declined to Act under these respective appointments, The Attorney has therefore prepared Petitions from the Common Council to one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, praying for the appointment of Some Competent person, to supply these Vacancies, occasioned [220] by the refusal of Mr Cowdrey to Act—These Petitions are herewith presented to the Board for Execution,

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M, Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the petitions presented were directed to be duly Executed

The Attorney also presented the following Certificates for Lands Sold for non payment of Assessments, which Certificates were directed to be duly Executed

The Attorney herewith respectfully submits for execution Six Certificates of the Sale of the property hereinafter mentioned which was Sold for Assessments in pursuance of the Statute by the Street Commissioner on the 26th Day of February A, D, 1824

1, All those four Lots of Land on the North side of Broome between Laurens and Thompson Streets, in the Eighth Ward, and being 100 feet in front on Broome St. Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 17 Years from 26th February 1826, for $\$69\,^{83}/_{100}$ Assessed as belonging to R, M, Livingston, II, [221] All that certain House and lot of Land situate in the Tenth Ward of the City, on the North Side of Grand between Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, and being 100 feet in front on Grand Street, assessed as belonging to John Minuse, Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 1 Year from 26th Febry 1826 for $28 $^{76}/_{100}$.

III, All that certain Lot of Land Situate in the Tenth Ward, on the West Side of Forsyth between Grand and Broome Sts being 25 feet in front on Forsyth Street, Assessed as belonging to John Minuse Sold to Thomas R Ludlam, for 1 Year from 26th Febry 1826, for $16 $^{48}/_{100}$

IV, All those certain other two lots of Land situate in the Eighth Ward on the North Side of Carmine, between Herring and Bedford Streets, being each 25 feet in front, Assessed as belonging to the Heirs of John Forsyth Sold to L. C. & T Hamersly for 8 Years from 26th February 1826, for $62 $^{65}/_{100}$

V, All those four Lots of Land, situate in the Tenth Ward, on the North Side of Stanton between Attorney and Arundel Streets, being 100 feet in front, Assessed as belonging to R. [222] S. Livingston. Sold to Edward Doughty for 10 Years from 26th February 1826 for $128 $^{24}/_{100}$

VI All that certain piece of land Situate in the Sixth Ward, on the East Side of Little Water Street North of Anthony Street assessed as belonging to Matthew L Davis and being 53 feet in front Sold to James Ridgeway for 3 Years from 28th of February 1826 for $68 $^{25}/_{100}$

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Also Sale of Common Lands to John Woodward Esqr and Alpheus Sherman,

The Attorney herewith respectfully submits for execution two leases of Lots in the Common Lands, as follows,

1st A Lease to John Woodward Esqr of lots No 140 & No 158 in the Common Lands for 9 years from 1st May 1824, at the rent of $20 for No 140 and $30 for No 158 Making together the rent of $50 per Annum

2d A Lease to Alpheus Sherman Esqr of lot No 152 in the Common lands, for 9 years from 1st May 1824, at the rent of $10 per Annum, These leases have [223] been prepared pursuant to the directions of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted
M Ulshoeffer

Which were directed to be executed.

The City Inspector to whom was referred a Remonstrance on the Subject of a deposite of Manure at the foot of Read Street presented a report which was referred to the police Committee.

He also Reported on the referrence to him of the petition of Andrew Surre and others respecting certain Sunken Lots on Laurense St. near Broome St, which was referred back to the City Inspector.

He also presented Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisance which was passed,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz.

No	1	Widow Burger	Occupt	No	8	Ann St	A privy
	2	Thos Lynch	Do		10	Do	Do
	3	J Roberts	Do		12	Beaver St	do
	4	[224] Rd S. Clark	"		17	"	"
	5	J. D. Brown	"		39	"	"
	6	J. Hopper	"		44	"	"
	7	Wm Carroll	"		48	"	"
	8	Lucy Stout	"		52	"	"
	9	Thos Gadrin	"		53	"	"
	10	J Mills	"		54	"	"
	11	C. Heiser	"		8	Broad St	"
	12	G. Degrass	"		19	"	"
	13	Rt Ray	"		21	"	"
	14	J. H. Metzler	"		32	"	"
	15	E. Hutton	"		34	"	"
	16	Mary Brown	"		36	"	"
	17	Charlottee Webster	"		37	"	"
	18	J. Pache	"		42	"	"
	19	Josh. Meeks	"		43	"	"
	20	Jno D Brown	"		45	"	"
	21	D & A Quick	"		47	"	"
	22	Peter Scoyer	"		49	"	"
	23	J. Vanboskirk	"		58	"	"
	24	P. Wigton	"		60	"	"
	25	C. Valentine	"		64	"	"
	26	A. S. Egerton	"		65	"	"
	27	J. M Noyes	"		75	"	"
	28	Geo. Bruce	"		81	"	"
	29	Rd Grant	"		128	"	"
	30	[225] J Reed	"		132	"	"
	31	W. S Miter	"		132	"	"
	32	Ths Carpenter	"		176	"	"
	33	Barker & McCrindell	"		196	"	"
	34	J & T Woodhead	"		198	"	"
	35	S Candler	"		387	Broome St	"
	36	E. Belknap	"		33	Chapel St	"
	37	S Gorman	"		35	"	"

No	38	A Mitchell	Occupt	No	45	Chapel St	A privy
	39	Jno Armstrong	"			Church & Reed St	"
	40	Jas Lamott	"		24	Garden St.	"
	41	Phillip Henan	"		25	"	"
	42	M. Young	"		28	Marketfield	"
	43	P. Trusty	"		29	Mill St.	"
	44	Ml Sexton	"		30	"	"
	45	D. K Vanveghton	"		16	New St.	"
	46	Ths Henson	"		22	"	"
	47	A Polston	"		23	"	"
	48	F Depeyster	"		24	"	"
	49	Jno Lud[l]ow	"		48	"	"
	50	Evan Jones	"		60	"	"
	51	Jno Fursman	"			New St Cr Garden	"
	52	Sl Middleton	"		18	Orchard St.	"
	53	Wm Fagan	"		23	Pike St	"
	54	Sl C. Wessells	"			Pump & Collect	"
	55	Wm Boyd	"		12	Stone St	"
	56	[226] E *Vanburt* [Vanbrunt]	"		13	"	"
	57	Ann King	"		15	"	"
	58	A Voorhees	"		29	"	"
	59	Jno Miller	"		43	"	"
	60	M Wilbur	"		49	"	"
	61	Dl D Crane	"		51	"	"
	62	M Brower	"		53	"	"
	63	E. S Bunker	"		41	Wall St	"
	64	Wm A Jones	"		77	"	"
	65	Rt Carey	"		79	"	"
	66	Chs Reade	"		5	William St	"
	67	B Galloop	"		17	"	"
	68	J N. Varick	"		19	"	"
	69	P. Henry	"		36	"	"
	70	J. M Livingston	Owner			Laurens St	a Lt
	71	Cons Heeney	Agent			Mulberry St	"

(Signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following, which was adopted

Resolved, that the Law Committee be requested to consider whethe some mode cannot be devised whereby the Charges attending the Opening of Streets, digging Wells, Pumps paving Streets, constructing public Cisterns &c cannot be lessened, and that the[y] be authorised [227] (if in their Opinion they may deem it necessary) to take the opinion of Additional Counsel thereon,

Alderman Ireland presented the following

Resolved, that the Committee on public Offices be requested ascertain whether there is any unoccupied room in the City Hall suitable for the accommodation of the Circuit Judge (And if there is) that the[y] be authorised to furnish him with the Same, which was adopted and the Committee were also authorised to provide the necessary furniture for the room,

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Copy of a Letter from the Chamberlain of the City to the Comptroller of the State with which he had transmitted to him $\$74450\,^{85}/_{100}$ being the amount received from the Incorporated Companies in this City by the Collector of Taxes requesting that this City's proportion might be returned, This was accompanied by the Copy of a letter from the Comptroller Stating that the Law in relation thereto is defective and must be [228] amended, and that therefore an Application must be made to the Legislature, which will delay for some months the return of the proportion to this City—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature,

The following was presented & adopted,

Resolved, that the Road Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of Opening 34th Street from the 3d Avenue to the East River and report thereon,

Mr. Cowdrey presentd the following

Resolved. that this Board will proceed to the Appointment of an Attorney and Counsel, at the next meeting—Which was read and laid on the Table,

Alderman King presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that all persons heretofore appointed by the Common Council to the Office of Measurers of Grain, Salt, Coal and other Articles, Inspectors of Firewood, Measurers of Lumber and Other Articles and City Weighers [229] shall on or before the first Monday of April next report themselves with their respective places of residences to the Clerk of this Board, and in default thereof, every such person shall be deemed to have resigned his Office.

The Comptroller presented the following.

Balance as per Acc^{t} 1st Inst.	363.13	
Rec^{d} for Taxes of 1823, 1. 2. 3. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wards	17.400.	17.763.13

31 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1 District	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75
Ulshoeffer Counsel drafting Laws &c	82.01

Elisha W King Esqr in full for Amount reported by referrees case of Losee Van Nostrand Costs &c	243.16	
Wallis & Doughty Costs in Suit Case of Theodosius Hunt..	40.52	
Richd Dunn Junr making Calculations of Lottery granted for feever. Hospital	25.	
Merchantile Advertiser Subscripn to Feby 1. 1824 &c	177.	
James Bleecker auction fees 11 Lots sold for Assessments &c 26 Febry	22.	
John Sidell to pay Officers attending Elections for Assistant Alderman 4th Ward	12.	
[230] S. D Beekman for A Lamb, prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	58.04	
Henlock Stewart do do	40.84	
David Brown do do	25.83	
Thomas Moore do do	12.94	
Jas Pinkerton Acct reg & pav Maiden Lane	600.	
Geo. Lovett Acct Bulk head Fly Market Slip	400.	
G Tucker Acct Sewer Fly Market	300.	
H, Smith Acct Pitchs & pav Washington St. from Watts to Charlton	400.	
A Quin. Acct. reg. & pav Bedford St. from Carmine to Houston St	200.	
T. Lovett, Acct. reg & pav. Carmine St from Varick to 6th Avenue	200.	
T. Cummings Acct pitchs & pav Bedford St from Benton to Christopher	150.	
A. Quin. Acct. reg & pav Downing St from Varrick to Herring	150.	
C Mooney Acct. reg. & Curbs Bleecker St Cornr Broadway & Bowery	100.	
C Mooney Acct. reg & pav. Chapel St. from Lispenard to Canal	100.	
R. Pettigrew Bal. paving Side Walks Elizabeth St Cr Spring & Prince	96.65	
Asa Hall, regulating Christopher, Amos Charles & Perry Sts	538.83	
T Cummings reg. Greenwich & Factory Sts at Greenwich..	210.56	
[231] J. Gallagher Bal. Well Beekman St near Pearl St	40.00	
T, Lovett, Acct. filling at Battery	2850.00	
A. Burtis Supert Alms House for Working Convicts	1000.00	
A Burtis Supert Alms House for Alms House	7500.00	
		17,680.63
Balance		582.59

Adjourned to Monday next 4 OClock.

[232] Special Meeting. In Common Council March 22^{d} 1824

Present The Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Alpheus Sherman
George S Doughty	
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were on motion read and approved

A Petition of a number of inhabitants stating that the Catharine market is not Sufficiently large for the encreased population of the City & recommending that the Same may be removed and they p[r]opose that a new one be erected on Water St. above Catharine St. [233] and extending to South Street, Whereupon the Same was referred to the Market Committee,

A petition of Geo. B. Smith Assistant Street Commissioner, was read, Stating that previous to his appointment as Assistant Street Commissioner he had drawn Maps of 6. 7. 8 & 10 Wards of the City which at the time of his Appointment were placed in the Office of the Street Commissioner where they now are and are subjects of constant reference by persons interested, and for which he has never received any compensation, that immediately previous to his appointment the Salary attached to the office of Assistant Street Commissioner was $1350 but was reduced to $1000 on his appointment, that it remained at that rate 18 Months when it was raised to the former rate— He therefore Solicited in consideration of his transfer of the Maps aforesaid that the difference may be allowed to him between what he has received for the last 18 Months after his appointment and what would have been the amount had the Salary not been reduced, which was referred to the Finance Committee

[234] A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Dey Street complaining of a Pump being out of order & praying the Same may be repaired or a new one Sunk was referred to the Ald^{n} & Assistant of the 3^{d} Ward and St Comm^{r}

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Washington St. complaining of a fence being Erected between Murray and Warren St in Washington St. was read and referred to the Committee on Laws

A Petition of William Cornell for appointm^t as a measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of James Gritman for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition Ozias Osborn to be appointed Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants Stating that a Well and Pump in Beach St at the Corner of St Johns Lane, is unfit for use That Petitioners are desirous of having a Well [235] in the Same Street & conceive that good water may be procured in the Same near Varick St. and they request permission may be given to fill up the Old one & Sink a new one

Which was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward & St Comm^r

A Petition of James Rikeman to be appointed a measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Memorial of Robert R Hunter and others representing that it would be a public accommodation to finish the Albany Basin by building a Middle Pier in the Same and offering to Loan the Sum requisite at an interest of 5 per cent per Annum to receive back the Loan in such Installments as the Revenue of the Basin may Produce On motion of referring the Same to the Finance Committee the Board were equally divided & the Mayor gave his vote in the Affirmative So the Same was referred to the Finance Committee, and the Committee on Wharves to Whom was referred at the last meeting a report of the Finance Committee on the Subject of a pier at Albany Basin were discharged therefrom & it was referred to the Finance Committee.

[236] A Remonstrance from a number of Owners of Property against the Pe[ti]tion for widening and Extending Cliff St. between Beekman and Ferry St. was presented, And a Memorial was also presented from the Vestry & Rector & Wardens of St Georges Church remonstrating against granting the request for extending Cliff St to Frankfort St. which were severally read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Young a Witness in the Case of John Johnson lately convicted of Murder praying that the whole or part of the Sum offered by the Proclamation of the Mayor for the apprehension of Said Johnson be paid to him was read and referred to the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer on the trial of Johnson with authority to make Such disposal of the Reward to the Petitioner and the Peace officers who aided in the discovery & arrest of Johnson as they Shall judge proper. And it was Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $100 to be at the disposal of the Judges.

A Invitation from the New York forum [237] to the members of the Common Council to attend the debates on Wednesday Evening next at the Room of the Mechanics & apprentices Library was accepted.

A Letter was received from Bartholemew Skaats The Keeper of the City Hall Stating that from the declining years and State of Health of himself and Wife he was induced to tender the Resignation of his office after giving the Board time to appoint a Suitable person in his place He therefore begged leave to State that on the first day of May next he would resign his office Whereupon the Same was accepted agreeably to the tender

A Presentment of the Grand Jury was laid before the Board presenting as a great nuisance Hawking & Pedling about the Streets & Street begging particularly by Children which was read and ordered to be filed

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John W Wyman presented the following report.

The Finance Committee Respectfully Report, on the Communication of John W Weyman Esq^{r} Protesting against a Report made by this Comm^{ee} [238] a Short time Since against his claim that they are still of the opinion that Mr Wymans claim is illegal The Laws in question do not in the opinion of your Committee entitle Mr Wyman to his demand And considering the large Sum of Money already received by him Your Committee Still think that he has no equitable claim But inasmuch as there appears to be an opinion entertained by some of the members of the Board that by law his claim may be sustained therefore in case it is the Wish of Mr Wyman to Submit the matter to a judicial enquiry and determination Your Committee do not hesitate in recommending that course—The Legal Question may thus be settled in an amicable manner Mr Wyman claims a payment either out of the funds of the City or the proceds of the fines and penalties imposed and received since his Clerkship expired Or to have the amount raised as a County Contingency. All these Claims or either of them can be disposed of by a case to be submitted to the Supreme Court Your Committee therefore without changing their opinion as contained in their former report Respectfully Submit the [239] following resolution

Resolved that upon M^r Wymans and the Counsel of the Board agreeing upon a case containing all the facts this Board consent that the Same Shall be Submitted to the Supreme Court upon arguments either written or verbal as the Counsel and Mr Wyman Shall agree

W^m H Ireland.
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) W^m Burtsell
George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Pet. of Merserole and Higgins presented a Report which was laid for consideration

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the remonstrances against the Law regulating the lying of Vessels in the public slips reported as follows.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a petition remonstrating against the Law respecting wharves, piers and Slips. Report that they cannot Consider the reasons assigned [240] by the petitioners, sufficient to induce this board to reconsider and annul their proceedings. On the Contrary they are of the opinion that the new mode of leasing the public Slips by Districts, and collecting daily wharfage as provided by the Laws, will much conduce to the public benefit—Understanding however that fears are entertained. that under the new rates of wharfage. Vessels laying up for the Winter in the public Slips, will be subjected to too high a rate of Wharfage, your Committee propose an express Law limiting the Wharfage on such Vessels, to half the contemplated rates during the time they shall be so laid up.

The proposed Law will take it out of the power of the Lessees to Charge more than half the established rates of wharfage. and leave it open for them to grant more favorable terms. All which is respectfully Submitted

W^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson
(Signed) George Zabriskie
W^m Burtsell.

Which was approved and the Law proposed by [241] them was passed under the Title of a Law respecting Wharfage, One Hundred Copies of the said Law were directed to be printed.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips on the petition and Remonstrance respecting permitting square rigged Vessels occupying the Waters between White Hall and Exchange Slips presented a Report which was read and laid for Consideration,

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred a copy of a Letter from John Fleming Esq^{r} City Treasurer to William L Marcy Comptroller of the State and his reply thereto reported as follows, viz.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred a Copy of a Letter from John Fleming Esquire, the City Treasurer, to the Comptroller of the State and a copy of the answer of W L Marcy Esq^{r} the Comptroller Beg leave to

Report.

That they are of the opinion that immediate application ought to be made to [242] *to* the Legislature for relief That the Chamberlain having paid into the State treasury the whole amount $\$74450^{85}/_{100}$ of the taxes on the Incorporated Companies in this City. The City has a just claim to have their proportion of the Same credited to them without delay. That unless the Legislature interfere it appears by the Comptrollers letter that the City will not receive their proportion in several months And that the City has borrowed this money upon which interest will continue to accrue until it is paid

Under these Circumstances Your Committee have had the annexed Memorial to the Legislature prepared by the Attorney of the Board which they Respectfully Recommend to be engrossed and authenticated in the usual form during the Recess of the Board And forwarded to the Legislature

W^{m} Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Thomas Bolton.

Whereupon the memorial was approved directed to be authenticated & transmitted to the Legislat^{e}

[243] The Special Committee to whom had been referred to enquire & report whether any & what alterations Should be made in the Criminal law Reported a memorial & Bill to the Legislature to extend the Boundaries of the City & County of New York So as to comprehend

all the waters of the Bay Southwardly—which are not comprehended in any County. They also reported a Section in the Same law in relation to the fees of the District Attorney & Clerk. The memorial & Bill respecting extending the jurisdiction of the County was approved and directed to be authenticated & transmitted to the Legislature & the Counsel was directed to prepare a suitable Preamble to the Bill, The Section relative to the fees of the District Attorney & Clerk was laid on the table

The following resolution was presented by the Recorder

Resolved that the District Attorney be requested to attend the Legislature for the purpose of obtaining the amendment proposed in the Criminal law and to make such explanations as may be necessary Which was referred to the Committee on revising the Criminal law [244] with authority to act in the Premises.

The Attorney presented the following

The Attorney of the Board reports that in case of Captain Bates of the Ship Elisa Jane for not reporting his passengers the report has since been made and the costs paid the like has also taken place in the following cases Captain Longfield of the Brig Tybee Captain Eldridge of the Schooner Mentor Captain Harris of the Ship John Wells Captain Gibbs of the Schooner Cynthia Captain Bankup of the Brig Free Ocean Captain Glover of the Brig Mazinghi Captain Hamilton of the Brig Ann Elisabeth Captain Hallock of the Schooner Amity Captain Allen of the Schooner Mercator and Captain Vagheal of the Ship Bayard The Attorney respectfully recommend that the penalties in these cases be remitted by the Board

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Penalties were remitted.

The Attorney also presented a Lease to John C & Rob^t L Stevens for a Ferry from a place on Hudson River in the City [245] 80 feet West of Washington St. At the termination of an intended St. 30 ft. wide. between ground the site of the late Canal St Basin on the north and ground of Alexander L Stewart on the South to Hoboken on the Jersey Shore which was directed to be duly executed,

The Street Commissioner presented a final return of delinquents on Sundry assessments in Order that it might be referred to the Finance Committee for their Inspection previous to advertising the Lots for Sale—Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee accordingly.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Certified Copy of an Act of the Legislature entitled an Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise money by Tax passed 15 March 1824 Which was ordered to be filed.

Ald Zabriskie presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that Isaac Ryckman be removed from the Office of Inspector of Firewood for district N° 2.

Ald Zabriskie also presented the following

[246] Resolved that William Evans be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Firewood for district N° 2 Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

It was also Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for leasing the Street manure for One Year from the 1st of May next in Districts as established by Law and to receive Sealed Proposals for the Same until Monday 12th of April next.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire into the Amount of Emoluments at present received by the Counsel of the Board And Also of the Emoluments at present received by the Attorney of the Board and to report whether any reduction can be made and also their opinion whether a due regard to the public interest demands that these two offices should be separate or united which was adopted

The Recorder presented a Resolution to invite the Legislature to hold their Autumnal Session [247] in the City of New York and that Suitable apartments would be provided in the City Hall for their accommodation which being read was laid for consideration.

It was also resolved that the Comptroller report. a Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Health for One thousand dollars.

A Resolution to remit the Personal tax of Moses Taylor was referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Report of the Committee on Finance on the Compensation to the first marshall was called up and read in the Words following.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on a communication of the Comptroller on the Subject that they are of the opinion that the First marshal ought to account for and pay over all Monies by him received according to the provisions of the Existing laws and that the office of the First or Mayors Marshal ought from the first of April next to be a Salary office and they have accordingly prepared the annexed law providing for the future discharge of the duties of the

[248] Said Marshal which law they consider will if passed promote the interests of the city

William H Ireland
Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
William Burtsell
Henry J Wyckoff.

Whereupon the Law proposed was read by Paragraphs the Blanks filled & was passed under the title of " A Law respecting the office of First Marshal

Board adjourned

[249] In Common Council March 29th 1824.

Present The Hon. William Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
———————	Samuel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Connover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of William Messerve for the office of Keeper of the City Hall

A Similar Petition from Ezra Frost.

A Similar Petition from John P Roome with a recommendation from the Firemen of the City in his favour.
also A similar Petition from Cyrus Bedell

[250] A Similar Petition from Abm Martling for appointment to said office were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Merrit H Smith for relief from tax on the grounds of an exception by Law he being a minister of the Gospel of the Methodist Denomination being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Requa for the office of Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John Brown for office of Inspector Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Sundry Dealers in Building Stone Stating that great impositions are practised in relation to the loading of building Stone and that great advantage would result from the appointing an Inspector to decide on what is a sufficient Cart load & requesting Such an Inspector might be appointed was read & referred to the Committee on Public offices

[251] A Petition of George Arrowsmith that a Lot of ground at the Corner of Water & Gouverneur St. may be leased to him was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition [of] George W Pitman & others praying that officers may be placed in the Vicinity of their Rope Walks on Sunday to prevent Assemblages of Idle Boys & others who collect there for the Purposes of gambling & riotous conduct was read & Referred to the Ald & Assistant of the 10th ward

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants Stating that a number of Idle Boys & others assemble on the Battery on Sundays & are guilty of very rioutous conduct and praying that a Peace officer may be established there to preserve order and decorum was referred to the Committee on lands & Places

A Petition of James Bogert Jun^r^ complaining of indecent conduct of Persons Bathing at all hours of the Day in front of his Dwelling on the East River in the 9th Ward was read and referred to the Ald. & Assistant of the 9th ward

A Petition of Peter Lorillard Stating that he [252] has received an order directing him to remove two houses back to the line of Washington St. but as the houses will be removed on opening Vandam St. he requests they may be permitted to remain until taken for opening Vandam St. which was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of George Loveness for Stall N° 15 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Bonsel Lessee of Stall N° 52 Washington Market praying a reduction of the rent reserved on said Stall was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of E Batchly & others Inhabitants of the 8th Ward Stating the Propriety of opening Broome St. or Grand St into Canal St. and also Suggesting reasons for the cause of the impurity of the n the Wells of the City was read and the first part was referred to the Street Committee and the Remainder to the Board of Health.

[253] A Petition of Fire Engine Company Nº 27 requesting that a new Engine house may be erected for the Engine as the present house is very inconveniently Situated is out of Repair and being Old is not worth Repairing and also

A Petition of a number of inhabitants recommending the Prayer of the Petitioners were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Jesse Reeve for appointment of Sub Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Andrew Anderson for an extension of time for payment of Assessment for open^{g} Beekman S^{t} was referred to the finance Committee

A Petition of the Market Women of Fulton market to be permitted to retail Eggs in the Market was referred to the Market Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants Stating that they have Signed a Pet. for opening Cliff St. to Frankfort St. that understanding the trustees of St Georges Church object to the [254] Said Petition as thereby a part of their Vaults may be disturbed, the Petitioners therefore request that in making the improvement contemplated that no part of the Grave Yard of said church be taken which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants owning property on Skinner St. was received stating that they are interested in the Petition now before the Board for opening Frankfort Street provided Skinner St. is opened & widened from Frankfort St to Ferry St. they therefore remonstrate against prayer of said Petition and pray that Skinner Street may not [be] opened any further than it now is opened which being read was referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial of John C & Robert L Stevens Lessees of Hoboken ferry praying that the Side walks of Barclay St from Washington St. to said Ferry be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Dean for permission to remove [255] a Building from Walker to watts St was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 5th & 8th Wards.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Mott St praying that the Same may be opened to Bleecker St. & regulated to Prince Street to the Same was read & referred to the St. Committee.

A Petition of Miln Parker for permission to remove two buildings one from Leonard St. the other from Canal St. & both to Mercer

St to be convenient to his Coachmakers Establishment was read and referred to the Ald & Assessment of 5th 6th & 8th wards

An Account was presented from John Woodward Clerk of the City & County of New York for services in relation to the Election which was directed to be Referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Leonard Bleecker to be informed if the Corporation will Sell the Small piece of ground at the Corner of Canal & Green Sts was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Roome for office of Assistant [256] City Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A Petition of Thomas L Ogden & others to have Nassau St. widened between Maiden lane and Liberty St. was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel A Savage formerly an Assistant keeper of the Penitentiary who was injured by the Assault of some of the Prisoners attempting their Escape praying he may be appointed to the office of City Inspector was referred to the Committee on applications for office

His Honor the Mayor Stated that he had received a letter from Mr Crolius one of the Delegation from this City to the Legislature Stating that a Resolution had been proposed in the Assembly to adjourn the Fall Sessions to New York & requesting to be informed whether Should the Resolution Pass necessary accommodations would be procured

The Same being read was laid on the table.

A Remonstrance of E Weeks & others against [257] the Assessment for paving a part of Hudson Street opposite Thomas St. was read and laid on the table. It was afterwards called up and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert R Hunter & others respecting a Pier at Albany Basin presented a Report a motion was made to postpone the consideration thereof until the next meeting of the board.

The Question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative A Division having been called by Alderman Ireland the members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Seymour, Parker Mann, Taylor, Doughty, Messrs Cowdrey, Conover, Woodruff Sherman Ostrander 11

Negative Ald. Wyckoff Ireland Zabriskie Munson, Messrs St John, Bolton, Hone, Burtsell, 8.

Mr Cowdrey then presented the following resolution

Resolved that a Pier be and is hereby authorised to be erected in New Slip on the Same principle with the one authorised to be built in Albany Basin Provided the Neighbouring Proprietors [258] Shall on or before the day of April next Signify their agreement to advance the necessary funds for that purpose payable in Years at five per cent which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and it was Resolved that the former Reports of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips which had been referred to the Finance Committee be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of George B Smith Assist^t St^t Commissioner Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George B Smith Assistant Street Commissioner Stating that previous to his appointment he had made a survey and executed maps of the 6th, 7th, 8th & 10th wards that Since his appointment these maps have been in the Street Commissioners office where they are found to be very useful and praying that the board would purchase the Same

[259] Report.

That they learn from the Street Commissioner that these Maps are daily referred to by the Citizens and much wanted in his office Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Committee together with the Street Commissioner—be and they are hereby authorised to treat with and purchase of George B Smith the above mentioned maps.

William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
William Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of John F Delaplaine reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips. Report on the Petition of John F Delaplaine as follows.

The Petitioner represents that in pursuance of a grant made by the Corporatⁿ [260] Some years since of the Water lot on the Easterly Side of Charlotte St. now called Pike Slip a Pier or Wharf was by him Erected at a heavy expence on the side thereof and that in consequence of the violence of the tide which Sets in from Buttermilk Channel and other causes it has several times sustained considerable damage that the wharfage arising therefrom has been inadequate to the Expence of the Keeping it in repair—he therefore requests on account of peculiar hardship of his case and as the corporation receive part of the Wharfage that they would bear a portion of the expence amounting to upwards of $3000 recently incurred in repairing Said Pier.

By the terms of the grant under which the petitioner holds he is obligated to erect and keep in repair the pier at his own expence which according to his Statement which the Committee have no reason to doubt has been great they cannot however See just cause to distinguish this case by granting relief from others constantly occurring and not unfrequently forming a Strong appeal to the justice of the Board but on the contrary [*260] it is to be feared Should relief be granted in this case it would lay a foundation for applications of a Similar nature to an almost unlimited extent as there is doubtless much of this kind of Property not only unproductive as to revenue but held under grants containing covenants that have borne and still continue to bear hard upon the grantee they are however Contracts deliberately entered into and the Consequences it is fair to presume have been duly weighed a just regard to the interests of the City forbid affording relief in cases of this Sort.

It is admitted that the Corporation are under no legal obligation in this instance and although it may be accompanied by circumstances that may render it in some measure a hard case yet the Committee are of opinion that granting relief would be Setting a dangerous precedent one which it would be imprudent and highly inexpedient to Establish they therefore Submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient for the Corporat^{n} to defray any part of the Expence incurred in repairing the pier on the Easterly Side of Charlotte St. now called Pike Slip.

S Cowdrey Signed George Zabriskie
S Parker W^{m} H Ireland

[262] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition that the name of Oliver Street might be changed to Fayette Street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Marinus Willet Henry Rutgers and others and also of the trustees of the Church in Oliver (late Fayette) Street praying that Oliver may throughout be called & known as Fayette Street for the reasons therein Set forth

Report

that they have had the subject under their consideration as also a remonstrance of Sundry persons owning property on said *Said* Street and are of the opinion that for the reasons set forth by the remonstrants they are induced to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners for changing the name of Oliver St. for that of Fayette Street ought not to be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the resolut^{n} adopted.

[263] The Street Committee on the Petition for repaving Pearl Street from Whitehall to State Street Reported against the Petition as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry persons praying that Pearl Street may be repaved from White hall St to State Street and the Side walks widened

Report.

That it is in the opinion of the committee unnecessary and improper to grant the request of the Petitioners and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Mary Taylor to have the buildings South of her house on Broad Way removed back to line of the Street reported in favour of the petition as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Mary Taylor praying that the [264] buildings encroaching on Broadway between Prince & Bleecker Streets may be removed to the true line of that Street

Report.

that they have examined a map of the premises by which it appears that there are Several buildings which encroach from two to four feet on Broadway at the Place before mentioned and which ought to be removed therefrom they accordingly offer the following resolution as expressive of their opinion & which they recommend may be adopted

Resolved that the proprietors of the buildings encroaching on Broadway between Prince and Bleecker Streets be noticed to remove them therefrom and that the Street Commissioner together with the Counsel of this Board cause the same to be carried into Effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Canal Street from Hudson to Greenwich St [265] & Watts St. from Greenwich to Canal St reported in favor of Petitioners as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Canal Street may be paved from Hudson to Greenwich St. and Watts St from Greenwich to Canal St

Report

that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition that the Elevation of North Street between Avenue " C, and the East river be reduced reported against the petition as follows, The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Titus and others praying that the present elevation [266] of North Street may be reduced from Avenue " C to the East River,

Report.

That the Subject of Regulating that Street is connected with the general regulation of all the Streets & Avenues to 34th Street and is now in the hands of Commissioners appointed under An Act of the Legislature for that purpose and therefore it would be improper for this Board to interfere in their proceedings as would be the case if the request of the petitioners was complied with for the foregoing reasons your committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition that Bancker St be dug out and regulated from Clinton St. to Grand St. reported in favor [267] of the Petition as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of Property on Bancker St. praying that that Street may be dug out and regulated from Clinton Street to Grand St.

Report

that the Regulating of that Street from Clinton to Montgomery St. is already contracted for and that it would be proper that the remainder thereof namely from Montgomery to Walnut Street Should also be done as soon as is practicable consistently with the interests of the Owners of the lots adjoining thereto and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Bancker St. be dug out and regulated from Montgomery St. to Walnut St. and that the Street Comr present the draft of an ordinance accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[268] The Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward on the Petition respecting a Well & Pump in Beach St. reported in favor of the Petition as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Joseph Depew and others owners of Property in the Vicinity of Beach St. and Varick St. requesting permission to have a Well and Pump placed in Beach St. near the intersection of Varick St. as they expect that good water may be there obtained and requesting farther permission to fill up a well now placed at the corner of Beach St. and St Johns lane

Report,

That Mr Depew one of the petitioners has agreed to defray the whole expence of digging a new well and of filling up the old one the Water procured from which is unfit for use the Committee have tasted the water and viewed the place where it is proposed to place the new well and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be [269] granted the following resolution is accordingly Submitted

Resolved that the Petitioners have permission to place a well and Pump in Beach St. near Varick St. under the direct^{n} of the Superintendant of Repairs and that they be further permitted to fill up the Well at the intersection of Beach St and St. Johns lane.

George Zabriskie
William Burtsell
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 3d ward on the Petition respecting a Well and Pump in Dey Street reported in favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d ward & St. Commissioner to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Hustace and others setting forth that the well in Dey St. is out of Repair and from its improper location ought to be filled up and another dug and built in its Vicinity

Report,

That they coincide in opinion with the Petitioners and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

[270] Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that an ordinance be reported accordingly

William H Ireland
Philip Hone
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 5th ward on the petition of Christopher Heiser reported against the prayer of the petition as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Christopher Heiser Shewing that in the Year 1818 he purchased from the Corporation a triangular piece of ground situate on the North Westerly Corner of Hudson St. and Read St. and requesting the Corporation to permit him to build a Vault under the Same or to repay him the money originally paid therefor and the amount of Several Assessments imposed thereon and paid by him respectfully

Report,

That Mr Heiser is as above mentioned the owner of a triangular piece of ground [271] Situate as aforesaid and of the following dimensions, on the Easterly Side on Hudson Street four feet, along Read St one foot Eight inches and on the Northerly side *side* by the ground of William Berrian Three feet. 8. inches.

It appears by referring to the minutes of the Common Council that a Committee of this Board consisting of the then Alderman & Assistant of the fifth ward on June 1818 Reported against granting Mr Heiser the privilege of a Vault your Committee fully concur with that Committee in their report in which they Say that they have strong doubts on the propriety of granting permission for vaults other than as appendages to buildings that in the present case the ground is so Small that it will not even admit of a passage to the Vault the Entrance would consequently have to be on the Street, this would both be an annoyance to the neighbourhood and a great public inconvenience on account of the Obstruction that it would occasion to the Sidewalk for the above considerations the Committee were of opinion that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the Petition and recommended that [272] *that* the petitioner have leave to withdraw it. and leave was accordingly given, on the 13th July following Mr Heiser again petitioned the Common Council to refund him the money which the ground in question had cost him and accept a reconveyance thereof that petition did not receive a reference the petitioner having leave to withdraw it, the Committee have reflected upon this last proposition now again presented to the Board and taken into view all the matters connected with the Case and are upon the whole of opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the request & offer of the petitioner they therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition

(Signed) George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Recorder presented the following receipt of monies paid for the reward offered by the Mayors Proclamation for the apprehension of John Johnson the Murderer of James Murray

We the persons whose names are hereto [273] Subscribed acknowledge to have received the Sum written opposite to our names being our proportion of the one hundred dollars reward given by the Honble Corporation for the apprehension of John Johnson the Murderer of James Murray

New York March 26th 1824

Henry his mark Young	$25.
Azel Concklin	$12.50
Joseph L Hays	12.50
J [Z] Homan*s*	12.50
Jacob Hays	12.50
George B Raymond	12.50
Francis Tillou	12.50

Which was directed to be filed.

Ald Zabriskie presented the following resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips, be authorised to Let for one Year from the first of May next to Stephen Higgins a Pier or landing Place in the Vicinity of Fly market Slip for the Steam boat United States and also a privilege for the Steam Boat (Linnæus) from Flushing Commanded by Captain Peck if they Shall deem it Expedient

[274] The Attorney presented for execution a Lease to John Woodward for Lot 133 Common lands for nine Years at the rent of $25 per annum the Lease was made by the direction of the Comptroller Whereupon the same was directed to be executed.

He also presented by direction of the Committee on Wharves

Piers & Slips the draft of a Law which was passed under the title of "A Law to amend a Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips and to Establish the rates of Wharfage

Alderman Ireland tendered to the Board his Resignation as Chairman of the Finance committee the consideration of the Same was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the following Assessments & Warrants were ordered to be issued to Noah Jarvis to collect the Same.

For paving Canal St from Church to Sullivan St

For paving Side walks in Spring near Hudson St

For paving Collister St. from Beach to Laight St.

He also presented an Assessment for [275] Repaving Hudson St. from Duane St to Anthony which was referred back to him with the remonstrances of E Weeks and others

He also presented the following ordinances which were passed and assessors appointed therein

For regulating Bancker St from Montgomery to Walnut & Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

For Paving the Side Walks in Walker St. between Chapel and Varick St. & Francis Peckwell Cary Dunn Jun^r & John Brower were appointed Assessors

For repairing the Sewer in Thompson St. between Canal & Grand St. & John Targee Abraham Dally & John Bedient were appointed Assessors,

For Paving the Sidewalks in Green St from Canal to Prince St^s & Francis Peckwell Cary Dunn Jun^r and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For Paving the Side walks in Broome Street from Broad Way to Sullivan St. and Isaac Kip Francis Peckwell & John Brower were appointed Assessors

[276] For A Well and Pump in Dey St. between Broad Way & Greenwich St and Isaac Kip John Salisbury and John Bedient were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Beach Street between Varick St & St Johns lane & Cary Dunn Jun^r Francis Peckwell & Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

The following Persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

N° 32.

Joshua Warren Carpenter 40 Willett St.
vice Cyrus Benjamin Resigned

Josep W Irwin Brass founder 156 Chrystie St
vice Frederick Thompson

N° 41

Floyd Palmer Grocer Rivington St
vice Benjamin Hunter resigned

John H Hulsart Blacksmith 6 Jefferson st
vice Joseph Parker Jun^{r} resigned

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed Viz^{t}

The City Inspector respectfully reports [277] the following Ordinances for correction of nuisances Viz^{t}

N°	1	C Gray J. Stewart	occupant.	N°	52	Banker st	Privy
	2	J Conley	do		54	do	do
	3	J Peck	"		*54	Bayard st	do
	4	R Bennett	"		55	"	"
	5	P Thompson	"		59	"	"
	6	M Crook	"		60	"	"
	7	L Little	"		61	"	"
	8	R Washburn	"		63	"	"
	9	W Robins	"		65	"	"
	10	H Vogt	"		81	"	"
	11	J H West	"		83	"	"
	12	J Benson	"		85	"	"
	13	C Stewart	"		104	"	"
	14	B Nash	"			Bayard & Mott st	"
	15	J Wise	"		20	Chrystie st	"
	16	G U Elder	"		25	"	"
	17	L Weaver	"		28	"	"
	18	L G Hoffman	"		29	"	"
	19	J Couenhoven	"		42	"	"
	20	H Moore	"		48	"	"
	21	A Swift	"		50	"	"
	22		"		55	"	"
	23	D Grim	"		58	"	"
	24	J Nash	"		60	"	"
	25	D Dyke	"		62	"	"
	26	[278] J B Peck	"		65	"	"
	27	M Kearns	"		68	"	"
	28	T Cooper	owner		69	"	"

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* The original document shows that this address is to be associated wi the preceding name, J. Stewart. The same error appears in the next two entries.—Ed.

No	29	T Cooper	occupant	71	Chrystie st	Privy
	30	G Halett	“	76	“	“
	31	P Townsend	“	85	“	“
	32	C Scott	“	86	“	“
	33	F Marschalk	“	87	“	“
	34	S Purdy	“	89	“	“
	35	J Rowland	“	94	“	“
	36	B Morris	“	95	“	“
	37	J Brown	“	98	“	“
	38	J P Fink	“	101	“	“
	39	C Warner	“	103	“	“
	40	J Whitlock	“	13	Division st	“
	41	A Vermilyea	“	17	“	“
	42	S Underhill	“	23	“	“
	43	L Merritt	“	51	“	“
	44	W Lund	“	48	“	“
	45	David Wood	“	56	“	“
	46	Wm R Banks	“	57	“	“
	47	S Carter	“	88	“	“
	48	G Wicks	“	92	“	“
	49	J Piggot	“	98	“	“
	50	Lounsberry and Barrett	“	99	“	“
	51	B Perine	“	163	“	“
	52	J Lemoine	“	17	“	“
	53	[279] C Dobbs	“	17	Eldridge st	“
	54	J H Varian	“	21	“	“
	55	S Johnson	“	38	“	“
	56	T Bryant	“	44	“	“
	57	T Harman	“	46	“	“
	58	G Lawrence	“	50	“	“
	59	Mary Macket	“	52	“	“
	60	E Lowther	“	46	Elizabeth St.	“
	61	B Ford	“	2	Forsyth St	“
	62	R Beatty	“	5	“	“
	63	H Flender	“	11	“	“
	64	S Fontere	“	19	“	“
	65	S Corp	“	32	“	“
	66	W Everdell	“	35	“	“
	67	J Forbes	“	43	“	“
	68	L Wetmore	“	44	“	“
	69	J Baldwin	“	53	“	“
	70	W Hanna	“	55	“	“
	71	B Williamson	“	72	“	“
	72	R Butcher	“	75	“	“
	73	J Deforest	“	77	“	“
	74	S A Forman	“	87	“	“
	75	J Adams	“	146	Harman st	“
	76	H Warrick	“	138	Hester St.	“
	77	T McBride	“	156	“	

No	78	E Gordon	occupant	158	Hester St.	Privy
	79	D B Wise	"	171	"	"
	80	[280] H Reed	"	171	"	"
	81	M Deforest	"	176	"	"
	82	J Williams	"	181	"	"
	83	S Demarest	"	182	"	"
	84	C H Redman	"	185	"	"
	85	B Duffy	"	187	"	"
	86	R Sloan	"	195	"	"
	87	C Hawkins	"	113	" [Mott]	"
	88	J H Baxter	"	123	" [Mott]	"
	89	M *Forewit* [Forward]	"	124	" [Mott]	"
	90	C Renouf	"	126	Mott.	"
	91	W Vanbenthuisen	"	128	"	"
	92	J Carter	"	136	Mulberry	"
	93	J Stuyvesant	"	138	"	"
	94	S Delamater	"	20	N Moore st	"
	95	G Morgan	"	32	"	"
	96	J S Dusenbury	"	34	"	"
	97	J Barker	"	38	"	"
	98	A Sergeant	"	56	"	"
	99	J Anderson	"	57	"	"
	100	S Williams	"	59	"	"
	101	J Black	"	135	Orange	"
	102	J Myers	"	145	"	"
	103	C *Elman* [Elmer]	"	147	"	"
	104	A Marks	"	96	"	"
	105	A Theall	"	100	"	"
	106	W Mason	"	108	"	"
	107	[281] W Hoyland	"	125	Pump st	"
	108	C Lee	"	145	"	"
	109	C Connor	"		Theatre alley	"
	110	T Boardman	"	178	Water st	"
	111	T *Prior* [Pryer]	"	19	Eldridge st	"
	112	H McGeere	"	51	do "	"
	113	F Ostrand	"	43	do	A Lot

George Cumming C. I.

The City Inspector on the Petition of Robert M Livingston reported as follows.

The City Inspector respectfully reports on the petition of Robert Montgomery Livingston respecting certain lots fronting on Laurens St. near Broome St. which were ordinanced to be filled in with Earth which petition was referred for further Report

That he has again Examined the Lots and upon enquiry has found vingstons Statement correct as to the Sale of the Sunken lots essrs Lovetts who have commenced filling them in as there is every presumption that the nuisance there will be Speedily abated it is respectfully Suggested that the penalty against Mr Livingston be discharged upon his payment of the Costs which he is willing to comply with

(Signed) George Cumming. C. I.

[282] Which was approved and Mr Livingston directed to be discharged from the Suit on the payment of Costs

The Report on Pike St. was called up & was again laid for further consideration

The Recorders resolution proposed at the last meeting inviting the Legislature to hold their Session in Autumn next at New York was called up and being read was in the Words following

Resolved that his honor the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York respectfully Communicate to his Excellency the Governor and to the Honorable the Senate and house of Assembly of the State that it will afford to the Corporation & to their fellow Citizens very great Satisfaction if the Legislature will be pleased to meet in this City at their autumnal Session and the Mayor will further Signify that Suitable Apartments in the City will provide for their Accommodation in the Event that the Legislature Shall Express their [283] Assent to hold their Session in the City of New York

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Comptroller presented the following

Balance as per account 15th Instant	$82.50
Received for Rents	3865.36
" Streets	3819.92
" Justices Courts	676.78
" Fines from Attorney	640.15
" Wells and Pumps	299.17
" Fines from Sheriff	51.
" Mayoralty fees	46.50
" Commutation Alien Passengers	5.
" tax of 1823 1st 2nd 3d 7th 9th 10th wards	13100.
" Streets	3621.23
	$26,207.61

56 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	$813.17
Hibberd & Clark do 2d	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d	645.75
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22nd inst	262.50

Wm J Waldron Assistt City Inspr 1 month 1st ap..................	$47.25
Obadiah Ayres do do	47.25
Astin & Higby Messengers do	54.
Chas Gilman Keeper of Battery do	31.
Andrew McCready Keeper of Park do	31.
Daniel H. Magee Potters field 17 days in march.....................	21.25
[284] Oliver Jaques St Inspector 1st ward 1 moh 1st apl............	31.
Peter Wright do 2 do	31.
Thomas Jeroleman do 3 do	31.
Nicholas B Lyon do 4 do	31.
Ab. Ackerman do 5 do	31.
Wm Kerr do 6 do	31.
Benjamin Fuller do 7 do	31.
Samuel Hutchings do 8 do	31.
Daniel Hubbard do 10th do	31.
Jonathan Pinckney Assistt Board of Health do	47.25
Benjamin Hicks do do	47.25
M Ulshoeffer Counsel drafting Laws &c...........................	118.60
J Morton Clerk of Com Council Index 49th Volume Minutes Postage & Hack hire..	87.62
Richard Smith Clerk of Fulton market 1 month 1st of Apl..........	38.75
Abraham Leggett Superintending work at mud machine to 28th inst..	231.74
J Fleming treasurer paying Witnesses case of Johnson & Anderson..	115.
J S Broome late Clk of County Expenses of Canvassers Election....	140.02
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder to pay reward for discovery of Murderer of J Murray..	100.
Treasurer of Board of Health ordered 22d.........................	1000.
G Snethen Lighting lamp 1 month 1 April..........................	619.14
John Dunn & Sons making & Repairing lamps to 20th of March.....	221.50
[285] Robert Provoost Repairing lamps 1 mo 1st apl................	111.73
G Snethen Supt Lamps 1 Qr Salary do	137.50
George Robertson for ground at Bank st on opening 13th St.........	575.
James Swords for Washington Insurance Compy Principal & intt Canal St Sewer	168.67
John Moore do do	12.91
William Brown do do	7.73
A. Quin act regs & pavs Downing St fr Herring to Varick..........	300.
T Cummings do Herring fr Carmine to Christr.............	250.
C Mooney bal regs & Curbs Bleecker fr Bowery to Bdway..........	235.15
H Smith do Fulton St fr nassau to Bdway..................	200.
C Mooney Act laying Cross Walks 5th ward.......................	150.
T Lovett bal regs & pavs Carmine St from Varick to 6th avenue.....	121.21
George Lovett bal builds bulkhead Fly market Slip..................	124.75
H Smith " regs & paving West fr fulton to Dey st...........	84.62
H Smith do Front St from Gouverneur lane to Coenties Slip....................................	52.23
A Quin do Bedford St fr Carmine to Houston st........	39.
Wm Osborne remission of Costs on lots sold for taxes..............	21.
John C Stevens do do do	21.

St. Comr for Geo W Winter to redeem lot on Pitt st Sold by Mistake for taxes	$17.86
Geo Lovett Remission of Costs on lot sold for taxes	7.
J P Roome supt Repairs for repairs of Pumps	120.
J P Roome do for Repairs	300.
J. P. Roome building Store house Corner of Leonard and Elm sts	498.
J Fleming treasurer to pay bond Mechanics bank 4 feb. 1824 & interest	16346.47
	$25618.39
Balance	$589.31

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[287] Special Meeting In Common Council April 5th 1824

Present The Hon. William Paulding Junr Mayor
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Augustus L Annuyer praying for remission of penalty incurred by erecting a Shed over his door No 130 Cherry St was referred to the Police Committee with Powers

A Petition from the Reverend Hooper Cumming to be relieved from a Personal tax he being [288] a minister of the Gospel was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Thomas for relief from Personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Elizabeth S Ludlow for relief from an Erroneous tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Isaac Loofborrow, for office of Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of James Greig to be appointed Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of David Brooks to be approved a City Weigher was referred to the Commee on Applications for office

A Petition of William Rhinelander that [the] Corporation would direct a Pier [to be constructed] at foot of Murray Street Similar to the one at the [289] foot of Robinson St. and would grant to Petitioner the Right to receive the Profits of Such Pier in consideration of his constructing Such Pier at his own Cost & Charge which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of a number of Boatmen & owners of Stone Quarries praying that there may be an Inspector of building Stone appointed & Recommending James H Sims as a suitable Person to fill the Situation which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants that a Well & Pump be constructed in Stanton Street near the Bowery was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward

A Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant praying that compensation be made to him for damages done to his property by the people who attended the execution of John Johnson on Friday last was referred to the Finance Committee

A Similar Petition from Southwick Hibberd for damages done to his property at Execution of [290] Johnson was referred to the Finance Commee

A Petition of John Shane to be permitted to reoccupy the Stall No 19 Washington market the present occupant being willing to relinquish the Same to him was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Samuel Bunting for office of Keeper of City Hall was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A Petition of James Ackerman for appointment to office of Street Inspector was referred to the Same Committee

A memorial from Sundry Inhabitants against widening Nassau Street from Maiden lane to Liberty Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners of Property against the extending and opening of Grand Street from Varick St Westward to Canal Street was referred to Street Committee

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners of [291] Property against the proposed removal of Catharine market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of James Ridgeway for permission to remove a building from the Bowery to Mott St. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

A Representation from the Measurers of grain on the Subject of Nicholas Campbells being permitted to hold the office of Measurer of

Grain he having ceased acting for several Years & having taken out a Cartmans license was referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Memorial of the Board of managers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents was presented requesting that the Corporation would express their approbation of appropriating the proceeds of a tax on Theatrical Amusements & other Public Exhibitions in this City to the purpose of that Society the Managers stating they believe Such Expression would facilitate the Passage of a Law now before the Legislature on that Subject The Same being read, [292] Ald Wyckoff presented the following resolution

The Corporation highly approving of the objects for which the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents has been Established and of the Efforts made by the Said Society in obtaining Subscriptions from our benevolent & Public Spirited Citizens which Subscriptions though large are represented as insufficient for the purpose of the Said Society. Resolved that this Board do Sanction the application of the Said Society for the appropriation to their use of the Proceeds of Licenses under the Law mentioned in their mem^{l} this day presented and do hereby consent that Such Provision be made by the Hon^{ble} the Legislature of the State as is set forth & requested in the said memorial It being nevertheless distinctly provided by the proposed Law that it shall be in the discretion of the Corporation to grant control or withhold such licenses as this Board shall deem most conducive to the good of this City which Resolution having been read was adopted and the Clerk was directed to give a certified [293] Copy of the Same to the said Board of Managers

A Petition of John West for extension of time for payment on an Assessment for Paving Carmine St was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Hyde for appointm^{t} of Keeper of the Battery was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following communication on the Subject of a Fire Engine destroyed at the late fire at Manhattan Island

The Chief Engineer having reported to the Committee on the Fire Department the Loss of one of the Corporation Engines by the late fire at Manhattan Island Your Committee in Conformity with their duty have made the necessary enquiries as to the manner of the loss, which they are happy to say was in no manner owing to the negligence or carelessness of the Company but on the Contrary the men who had her in charge did everything in their power to get [294] ***her in charge did*** *every thing in their power to get* her removed from the fire but without being able to Effect it in time to prevent its destruction

Your Committee therefore are induced to recommend that the Company be furnished with a new Machine after those now building and engaged to other Companies are finished for which purpose they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a new Engine to be built to Supply the place of N° 33 recently destroyed.

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Stephen Conover

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of David Robertson presented the following report against the Petitioner

The Finance Committee to [whom] was referred the annexed Petition of David Robertson Setting forth that he had been prosecuted by the Corporatn [295] as surety for William A Hardenbrook and that a judgement had been obtained against him by default for two hundred and five dollars 97 cents including Costs and interest. That himself & wife were employed some time at Bellevue at the period when the prisoners and paupers were removed from this City to that Establishment, That they had not been compensated for their services and praying that the Board would allow him to make an offset against this judgement

Respectfully Report

That on obtaining abstracts from the Books of the Alms House at Bellevue they find that the petitioner has been paid in full for all the Services rendered while in the employ of the Corporation

Your Committee on examining this Subject are of opinion that Mr Robertson has no just claim upon the Board & therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson
Wm Burtsell

[296] Which was approved and the Resolutn adopted

The Finance Committee on the account presented by John Woodward reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committee on the Referred *the* annexed account of the Clerk of the City & County of New York Respectfully Report.

That they have examined the Laws relating to this Subject and they find that it is made the duty of the Supervisors to credit and allow the Clerks accounts for services performed & Expences incurred when the same shall be paid and charged as the contingent Expences of the County Your Committee having examined the annexed account and finding it correct Submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a warrant in favour of John Woodward Clerk of the City & County of New York for $113.25.

W^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Reuben Munson
W^m Burtsell
George Zabriskie

[297] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of John N Grentzeback reported against the petition as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John N. Grentzeback Stating that he would wish to possess in fee a lot which he at present holds under Lease from the Corporation And Offering in Exchange for the Same a lot belonging to the Estate of the late Caspar Semler Situate near the Botanic Garden

Respectfully Report.

That they are of opinion that this Exchange would not be advantageous to the Corporation they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the petitioner

William H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
William Burtsell
George Zabriskie
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[298] Mr Cowdrey presented A Resolution to refer to a Committee to consider whether the Public Interest would not be advanced by

permitting the Rates of wharfage to be paid as formerly Established instead of the mode prescribed in the law lately passed on the Subject the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative

The following Resolution was presented and referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Rutgers St in front of Rutgers Slip be regulated & Paved & that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance for that purpose

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in front of the Alley between N° 51 & 53 Harman St which was passed & Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors therein

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of Nathaniel Smith Prentiss presented a Report which was referred to the Street Committee.

[299] Upon motion of Mr St John it was Resolved that Ald King & Taylor be added to the Committee on Lands & Places for the Purpose of Completing the unfinished business of last Year.

Ald Ireland renewed his request that the Board would Excuse him from serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee After Some discussion his Resignation was accepted

Ald Seymour proposed that the Board now proceed to appoint a Keeper of the City Hall which was agreed to

The Board accordingly proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill that office on the Resignation of Mr Skaats When Abraham B. Martling was duly elected to enter upon the duties of his office on the first day of May next.

The Report of the Committee on the Subject of widening Pike Street was called up & Being read was in the following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry of the Proprietors and [300] Owners of Property in Pike Street and Streets adjacent thereto praying that that Street may be widened to Sixty feet by taking twenty feet from the lots on the Westerly Side thereof instead of ten feet from each Side

Report.

That they have viewed the premises and given the Subject their deliberate consideration and under all the Circumstances of the Case are induced to offer it as their decided opinion that the interests of the public as well as that of all the Owners of Property that will be affected by the measure will be better Subserved by taking the whole of the ground required from the Lots on the Westerly Side inasmuch

as there are but few buildings to be taken &
(the ground with but few Exceptions) being
and besides will form a better termination on Di
near the Junction of Allen and Division Stree
feet be taken from the lots on the Easterly si
pence [301] to be borne by the Public would
the Assessment. on individuals burdensome an
the lots in that Side are built on and improve
are of Brick and many of them valuable for th
others that might be adduced Your Committee
the propriety of adopting the plan of wideni
grounds on the Westerly Side

But inasmuch as doubts have Arisen in the
members of the Board as to the legality of
existing Circumstances of the Common Coun
cession of ten feet of the ground on each sid
much thereof as belongs to the Rutgers family
spectfully recommend that they may be permitte
the opinion of Counsel on the Subject in order
be pursued as they Shall be thereby advised

Your Committee accordingly recommend the
lowing resolutions

[302] Resolved that Pike St. be widened to
twenty feet from the grounds on the Westerly Si

Resolved the Counsel of the Board be requeste
opinion of Counsel on the Subject of the foregoing

Jacob
Asa
Reuben
Philip
Samuel

The attorney having been directed to take the
Counsel on the Case presented the following opinion
Kent Esq^{r} late Chancellor of the State

The Corporation of the City of New York have
tion to widen a part of Pike Street between Division
to the Breadth of Sixty feet, by taking twenty feet
the Westerly Side of it instead of taking ten feet
each Side The opinion of Counsel has been re
half of the Corporation whether such an Im

can be made consistently with the preservation of the Rights of the Corporation under the deed from Henry Rutgers & others to them of the date of the 30th of March 1819.

I have examined the deed above referred to & have also Seen the memorials of the Owners of Certain lots on & adjoining Pike Street together with two Several Reports of the Street Committee of the Corporation on the Subject, In my opinion the Corporation can make the Improvement intended without impairing their rights under the deed.

There was no Condition annexed to the Grant of the ten feet on each Side of Pike Street. The Conveyance was absolute in terms & the Character of the Deed is an absolute one with the Exception of the Right under certain leases then existing & one or two more Exceptions which do not Concern the present Inquiry. The Conveyance was of So much land as might be necessary to widen all the Streets within certain Specified limits to the width of Sixty feet the manner delineated in a certain map filed in the Registers office [304] on which the Streets are laid out according to the plan of an Improvement of the Grantors I have not Seen the map referred to but I assume that from the map it would appear that the deed was intended to operate upon ten feet on each Side of Pike Street So far as the land belonged to the Grantors, The object of the gratuitous Cession is Stated in the recital to the deed

It was with a view of rendering more commodious & healthy that part of the City by widening the Streets to Sixty feet

It is suggested as a fact that the Grantors in the deed were owners only of a part of the Property on the Streets referred to & that Several Streets mentioned in the deed have been widened according to the width contemplated in the grant Now it cannot be supposed or admitted that the powers of the Corporation over all that part of the City covered by the map referred to was to be forever fettered & bound down to the Exact Plan prescribed on that map, this would be a most inconvenient & Extravagant Construction of the deed.

It is not to be presumed that the acceptance of the Grant by the Corporation was to work [305] a renunciation of any of the municipal powers of the Corporation in the Regulation of the Streets, The Corporation had no right to abridge any of the Legislative Powers vested in it by the Charter of the Statutes on the Subject of this City, If there was a breach of the Condition annexed to the Grant a Breach of that Condition would defeat or determine the whole of the Estate to which it was annexed. It would not determine it in part only & leave it good for the residue I mention this rule of Law merely to Shew what immense mischief might follow in this case from such a condition & that when the Grantor has not himself annexed a Condition to the Grant the Law will not readily admit of one by implication.

I hold it then to be a clear proposition that the Grant in question was an absolute one & that the Corporation are Entitled to ten feet on each Side of Pike St under the deed for a Public Street or Highway To be sure the Corporation cannot take and apply the Property So ceded to other uses & purposes until they Shall have changed the Character & destination of the Property & paid the damages resulting from this change [306] in the way prescribed by the Act of the 41st Session, Ch 213, all the general & ordinary Powers of the Corporation over Pike St. remain in full force after the acceptance of the Cession. They were not bound to lay out Pike St to the width of Sixty feet until they Should deem it necessary or desirable for the Public convenience or health They may lay it out to a still wider Extent than Sixty feet if they Should deem it Expedient they may therefore take twenty feet from the Westerly Side of Pike Street, They have ten of that twenty feet already ceded to them and they may take the residue upon *have* having the damages assessed and paid in the mode prescribed by the Statute They may leave the ten feet on the East Side in the possession of Grantors or their Lessees without destroying their right to the ten feet on the other Side the discretion remains unimpaired & the great Object of the Grant is answered by having a Street of the width of Sixty feet. The Object was to have that part of the City more commodious & healthy by such a wide Street It Cannot be [307] Supposed that the Grant intended that the lines of the Streets on all that Ground must run precisely & exactly as laid on the Map incapable of alteration in all the future Growth and Improvement of the City without defeating the whole grant and all acts done under it by the breach of Some implied Condition Nothing in my judgement would be more unreasonable & Inconvenient & absurd than Such an interpretation of the Grant

The Deed Evidently Contemplated a Slow and progressive Improvement on the Part of the Corporation The Deed was not to operate as to Lombardy St. until 1829. and Some of the property was to be paid for when the Corporation Should undertake to improve and the Deed Speaks of the ground as being, to be called for by the Corporation from time to time The Deed Evidently referred to a continuing discretion in the Corporation & If they improve that part of the City covered by the Map referred to as the Public Convenience or Health Shall in their judgement dictate there will be no just cause to complain

(Signed) James Kent.

New Y Feby 24th 1824

[308] Whereupon after Some discussion the Resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted The Recorder having declined voting being an Executor of one of the Rutgers family & the Attorney was directed to take the necessary measures for carrying the Same into Effect.

Upon motion of Mr Cowdrey the Leasing of the Public Docks & Slips at Auction was postponed until tuesday the 13th inst.

Board adjourned

[309] In Common Council April 12th 1824

Present The Hon William Paulding Junr Mayor
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	Samuel St John
Thaddeus Seymour	Philip Hone
George Zabriskie	Samuel Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
———————	Jameson Cox
———————	Thomas T Woodruff
———————	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	———————

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Thomas Densmore for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John B. Pole for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Same Committee

[310] A Petition of Daniel Morgan for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Eli Chapman for office of Wood Inspector to Supply vacancy by death of Artemas B Brooks was referred to Same Committee

A Petition of J. C. Myers for office of Wood Inspector was referred to Same Commee

A Memorial of Sundry Captains of Vessels who have hitherto rented Fultons long wharf praying a middle Pier may be built at

Albany Basin & Engaging to use the Said Basin was read and laid on the table

A Petition of William Dunbar for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of William Passman for office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of Thomas Conrey for office [311] of Wood Inspector was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Samuel Hutchings for office of Ass^{t} City Inspector was referred to the Comm^{ee} on applications for office.

A Petition of John White for office of Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Same Comm^{ee}

A Petition of Andrew Seymour for office of Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of Isaac A Isaacs for office of Assis^{t} City Inspector was referred to the Same Comm^{ee}

A Petition of W^{m} Messerve Jun^{r} for office of Assistant City Insp^{r} was referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of Joseph P Simpson for office of Assistant City Insp^{r} was referred to the Same Com^{ee}

A Similar Petition from W^{m} A Hardenbrook was Referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of Sundry owners of Open boats & [312] Lighters between this City and Brooklyn remonstrating against the Law lately passed regulat^{g} the Rates of Wharfage in Public Slips considering the Same as oppressive to them & requesting a reconsideration of said Law was presented & read. Mr Cowdrey presented an ordinance in accordance with the request of the Petitioners

The question having been taken on the passage of the Same it passed in the Negative The Ayes and Noes having been called by M^{r} Cowdrey the Members voted as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff Ireland Zabriskie Parker Munson Mess^{rs} Bolton St John Hone Burtsell Conover Cox Woodruff Sherman 14.

Affirmative Alderman Seymour Parker Mr Cowdrey 3.

It was then Resolved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

A Petition of William Sandford was received Stating that he is the Owner of three lots in the Grant given to Jacob Wilkins & praying that the Quit rent reserved on the lease may [313] be apportioned among the Several owners of lots in Said grant which being read was

was referred to the Comptroller & the Collector of the Corporation Revenue.

A Petition of David Wagstaff requesting the Corporation will Sell him in fee, lots N^{os} 142. 146 Common lands. was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 9th ward for a Well and Pump in the Bowery near the Corner of 11th Street was referred to the Ald and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Ann Sibert for permission to remove a Small building from Grand to Broome Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward with Powers

A Petition of William Carlisle for relief from Judgement recovered against him for Costs in Suits Prosecuted by him before Justice Hammond against Selleck Osborn & William Bally Petitioner Stating that he is unable from Poverty to prosecute said Suits to Execution The Same [314] having been read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Knapp for license as a Cartman was referred to the Comm^{ee} on Public office to report.

A Petition of John Southwell for Stall N° 42 Catharine Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Maria Thompson Widow of George Thompson Butcher deceased Stating that her husband held a Stall in Catharine Market that he entered into a Contract with the United States to Supply Beef to the Navy Yard on this Station, that She is desirous of holding the Same at the prescribed rent & praying to be permitted to hold the Same during the Continuance of the Contract aforesaid, having been read It was resolved that Petitoner have leave to withdraw her petition

A Petition of John C Teal for relief from two Penalties incurred for violation [315] of the Law respecting Pawnbrokers was referred to the Police Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against Extending Grand St. to Canal Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Henry Rutgers & others against the Resolution of the Board passed at the last meeting respecting opening Pike Street twenty feet on the West Side only & requesting that Said Street may be widened ten feet on both Sides according to the understanding of the Grantors or that Proceedings be staid until Petitioners can be heard by Counsel or if the board determine to widen the Street according to the Resolution that the board will recede the Street granted as aforesaid which having been read was after some discussion referred to the Street Committee & the Law members of the Board with the Exception of the Recorder who is Executor of one of the Rutgers family Vizt Mr Sherman Ald King Mr Bolton Mr Cowdrey Ald Zabriskie

[316] The Special Committee on the Subject of Supplying the City with Water presented the following report viz.

The Special Committee on the Subject of Supplying this City with water

Report

In part, that Mr Canvass White who has been Employed by the Common Council for that purpose has examined the practicability and Estimated the Expence of furnishing this City with a Sufficiency of wholesome water, this Gentleman has carefully Examined Several routes and plans by which it Seems practicable to accomplish this desirable object.

These routes & Plans are delineated on a Map and noticed in the Report of Mr White now in the possession of your Committee. As a Suitable Compensation for the performance of these various & laborious services Mr White asks of this Corporation Eleven hundred dollars and fifteen Cents. The Several accounts which form this demand, have been examined and are deemed reasonable by your Committee. They therefore [317] recommend to this Board that a Warrant be issued in favour of Canvass White for the Said Sum of Eleven hundred dollars & fifteen Cents.

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Wm Paulding Junr
Henry J Wyckoff
Philip Hone
Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved and a Warrant was accordingly passed for $1100.15/100 in favor of Canvass White

The Clerk of the Common Council presented a Return of Persons holding Commissions under the Corporation who have reported themselves to him agreably to the Resolution of the Common Council of the 15th of March last By this Return it appears there are

Measurers of Grain Salt & Sea Coal	41
City Weighers	30
Inspectors of Manure	2

Inspector of Weights & Measures	1
" Firewood	18
" Lumber	5
City Guagers	6
Inspector of Lime	8
Measurers of Charcoal	3

[318] Whereupon the Report was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

The Mayor laid before the Board a Certified Copy of the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature entitled " An Act to alter the Organization of the Com. Council of the City of New York which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature & directed to be published in the Papers of the City for one week at the present time and also for two weeks immediately preceeding the time prescribed for the Election

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of the Reverend Hooper Cummings presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of J & N Haight presented a report in favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of John & Nicholas Haight was referred

Respectfully Report

[319] That they have examined into the facts and Circumstances Set forth by the Petitioners and have ascertained that they are largely engaged in the manufacture of Carpets, That the buildings upon which the tax has been Assessed and from which they wish to be relieved is on the Same lot with the Buildings in which the machinery is situated & that the manufactory operations are carried on that this building is in Broadway that the upper part of it is used for receiving and assorting the materials after they dyed; and the lower part is used for receiving depositing and Selling their Carpets and it further appears that no part of the Said building is used for any other purpose than the receiving & disposing of articles of the above description and which are manufactured by the Said Petitioners. The Committee are therefore of opinion that the Petitioners are within the provisions of the Act. entitled " An Act for the encouragement of manufactures within this State " And recommend that the following resolution be adopted

Resolved that the amount of tax imposed upon the front building N° 218 [320] Broadway be remitted and that the Same be returned by the Collector of the Second Ward in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of the Said Ward

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) S Cowdrey
Stephen Connover
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Eliza S Ludlow reported in her favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Elizabeth S Ludlow Report,

That they are Satisfied on due Examination that the petitioner ought not to have been Assessed for personal Estate at more than $1500. They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector receive from Elizabeth S Ludlow the tax on $1500 only and return the residue in the list of Errors and insolvencies of the 5th Ward.

[321] (Signed) S Cowdrey
S Conover
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition Hannah L Manley reported in her favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the annexed petition of Hannah Manley

Report

That the Assessors of the 10th Ward have certified that they were mistaken in assessing her as Worth any personal property they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 10th Ward return the tax on the property of Hannah Manley among the Errors and insolvencies of Said Ward

(Signed) S Cowdrey
S Conover
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

[322] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred a Resolution respecting Moses Taylor reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the annexed resolution

Report,

That it appears to them on Inquiry that Moses Taylor Removed from the City on the 1st of May last and became and has since Continued to be a resident of the State of New Jersey they therefore recommend that the Said resolution be adopted

Respectfully Submitted

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
Signed George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

The Resolution was as follows.

Resolved that the Collector of the 1st ward refrain from Collecting a personal tax from Moses Taylor and return the Same in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said ward

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[323] The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Jasper Cropsey reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Jasper Cropsey was referred

Report,

That, the Assesors of the 10th ward have certified that the petitioner ought not to have been assessed for any personal property they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 10th ward return the amount of tax on the personal property of Jasper Cropsey for the Year 1823. in the List of Errors and Insolvencies of the Said Ward

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of John Wilcox Junr reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the within Petition of John Wilcox Jun^{r} was referred

Report

That it appears that he has [324] been Erroneously Assessed as a resident in the Eighth Ward And that he resided at the time in the 4th Ward and has been assessed and paid his tax in that ward

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the 8th ward Return the tax imposed on John Wilcox Jun^{r} for the Year 1823. among the list of Errors and Insolvencies

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Abijah Arden [and Susan his wife] reported in her favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Abijah Arden was referred

Report

That it appears to your Committee that the petitioner was not [325] a resident of the third Ward at the time she was assessed and rated as Such resident and that She was not a resident of the said Ward within the period of twelve months previous to the presenting of her said pet^{n} The Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the 3d Ward Return the tax assessed on Abijah Arden for personal Estate for the Year 1823 Among the Errors & Insolvencies of that Ward for that Year

Respectfully Submitted

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thom^{s} T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of W^{m} M Miller reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Wm M Millar was referred

Report

That the Assessors of the 5th ward [326] have certified to the mistake alledged by the Petitioner in assessing his property as worth more than $500 they therefore recommend the following resolution,

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th Ward receive the tax on $500 from the Petitioner and return the residue in his list of Errors & Insolvencies

Respectfully Submitted

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Joseph Tarratt reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the within petition of Joseph Tarratt

Report.

That it appears to your Committee that the Petitioner has been Erroneouly assessed as Worth $5000 personal Estate and that the Amount of Such Estate ought not to have been valued at more than $1000 [327] And that the Petitioner was absent from the City from April 1823. until September in the Same Year. during which period the Assessment was imposed and the time for correcting the Same Elapsed. Under these Circumstances it appears to your Committee reasonable and just that the relief solicited ought to *to* be granted the Committee therefore Recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the Third Ward receive from Joseph Tarratt the amount of tax on $1000 only and return the Residue of his tax among the list of Errors & Insolvencies

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of James Gardiner reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Gardiner

Report.

That they have ascertained that [328] the petitioner resided in, and has paid his personal tax for the Year 1823 in the 6th Ward and therefore ought not to have been assessed in the 5th Ward they therefore recommend the following resolution,

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th ward return the amount of personal tax assessed on the Petitioner for 1823. among his list of Errors and Insolvencies

S Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Isaac Styles reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Isaac Styles was referred

Report

That it appears to your Committee that the petitioner has been erroneously assessed as worth $4000 personal Estate and that in Consequence of his indebtedness for Real Estate he has no personal Estate beyond his [329] debts The Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th Ward return the amount of tax assessed on Isaac Styles in his list of Errors and Insolvencies

Respectfully Submitted

S. Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Rushton reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the within petition of James Rushton

Report that they are satisfied on due examination that the petitioner ought not to have been assessed as worth any personal Estate they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 10th Ward return the tax on James Rushton for the Year 1823. for personal property among the Errors and Insolvencies of that ward

S Cowdrey
S Conover
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

[330] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom had been referred the Act of the Legislature lately passed respecting Hackney Coaches presented the following report,

The Police Committee to whom the annexed Act lately passed by the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act relating to Hackney Coaches and Carriages in the City of New York

Report,

That by the provisions of the Said act the Owner of every Hackney Coach or Carriage who shall after the first monday in May next obtain from the Mayor of this City a licence for such Coach or Carriage Shall pay therefore annually to the Common Council of said City a Sum to be determined by the said Common Council not less than five dollars and not exceeding twenty dollars for each Hackney Coach or Carriage

The Committee have considered this Subject So far as regards the Price to be determined on by this Board and they are of the opinion that at present ten dollars would be a reasonable and proper sum [331] to be fixed upon under the Said Act as the Amount to be paid for each license to be granted as aforesaid and they beg leave accordingly to Submit to the Corporation the annexed Law for their consideration

Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Samuel St John
Thaddeus Seymour
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the Law presented was passed under the title of " A Law to amend a Law entitled A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches & Carriages

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th ward on a Petition for a Well and Pump in Stanton St. near the Bowery reported in favor of the petition as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and the Street Commr to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons praying that a Well may be dug and built and a Pump erected therein in Stanton Street near the Bowery

Report,

that a Well and Pump is much wanted at the place asked for and accordingly recommend the following resolution

[332] Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Reuben Munson
R Graves St. Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of Wm Rhinlander respecting constructing a Pier at the foot of Murray Street reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of William Rhinelander Shewing that he is the proprietor of a certain pier at the foot of Robinson Street and of the right of wharfage and cranage on the front of West St between the said pier and the line of the Center of Murray Street that the North Side of the Said pier and the said front of West St are so situated as to be without any shelter from the Northerly & Westerly winds in Consequence of which they do not make a Safe Harbour and afford very little accomodation for Vessels, he therefore prays that the Corporation would direct and authorise him to construct a Pier at the foot of Murray Street Similar to the One at the foot of Robinson St by which a convenient basin will [333] be formed and additional accommodations will be afforded to Vessels that may wish to lie at the Wharves in that part of City

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully and attentively (Assisted by the Counsel of the board) Examined the grant under which Mr Rhinelander claims and find that he is as above stated entitled to the right of Cranage and Wharfage on the foot of West St, and to the Center of Murray St as aforesaid this being the case and that part of the City being in a great degree destitute of Piers they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted and for this purpose they offer the following resolution and recommend its passage

Resolved that William Rhinelander be directed and required to build a Pier at the foot of Murray St. Similar to the one at the foot of Robinson Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance accordingly.

George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
(Signed) W^m H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[334] The Market Committee on the petition of John Leviness for Stall N° 15 Washington Market reported in his favor as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Leviness to obtain the consent of the Common Council to the transfer of Stall N° 15 Washington market. at present held by David Passman to the Petitioner

Report. that the above Applicant is represented as having served a regular apprenticeship with David Marsh to the Butchers trade and is of good character, they would therefore recommend that the consent of this board be given to the transfer and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved that David Passman be permitted on Surrendering up the license he now holds for Stand N° 15 Washington Market to transfer the Same to George Leviness

Resolved that George Leviness be licensed as a butcher for Stand N° 15 Washington market

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) W^m H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thomas T Woodruff

[335] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Shane for Stall N° 19 Washington Market. reported in his favor as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Shane for a grant of Stand N° 19 Washington market at present occupied by Hugh Goble who is willing to Surrender up the Same

Report

That the petitioner is represented to be a man of good character and well qualified to hold a Stand in Said market. they therefore recommend that Hugh Goble be permitted to transfer Said Stand to John Shane and for that purpose offer the following resolutions

Resolved that Hugh Goble be permitted on Surrendering up the license he now holds for Stand N° 19 Washington market to transfer Said Stand to John Shane

Resolved that John Shane be licensed as a butcher for the above Stand

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thomas T Woodruff.

[336] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition for the Removal of Catharine market & also the Remonstrance against the Same reported against the prayer of the petition as follows.

The Market Committee to whom the Petition of William F Baker and others was referred to have Catharine market removed and another erected near its site and also the Remonstrance of John G Coster and others against the Same

Report,

that the Site for the proposed market is on Water Street just above Catharine St and extending to South Street

The Petitioners Suggest that the Market House be erected with a front of 177 feet on Water Street with a wing on Catharine St extending to South Street 120 feet in length and another corresponding wing of 123 feet 4 inches in length on a Street to be opened for that purpose from Cherry St. to Water St. to be 50 feet wide.

Mr Duncan S Campbell one of the petitioners is willing on Condition that a Public [Market] be [337] Erected at the place afore mentioned to cede 75 feet of ground now covered with water belonging to him and fronting on Water Street and extending to South Street

Your Committee have viewed the above premises and carefully examined the subject and are fully of the opinion that the proposed Site is too near the Fulton market

The Catharine market is in a State to Stand for Several Years and the Stalls produce a rent equal to any other market

When ever it is deemed proper to remove it will be necessary to locate a market much further up than is proposed by the Applicants.

Your Committee beg leave to Express their opinion in the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
W^{m} H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thomas T Woodruff.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[338] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of John Chappel & Carman A Simonson Butchers in Fulton market praying to have the Rents of their Stalls reduced reported against the petitioners as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petitions of John Chapple & Carman A Simonson Butchers in the Fulton Market to have their Stall rents reduced

Report

That the Stands at the opening of that Market w*h*ere leased at auction for the term of five Years that Shortly afterwards on the application of All the Butchers for a reduction of rent The Common Council agreed to receive a Surrender of their leases and make such disposition of the Market As they might deem proper The Petitioners were called on to Surrender their Leases one of them did so, he however afterward called on the then Market Committee and Stated that he wished to retain his lease and it was to him returned

Those who refused to Surrender their [339] Leases were told that no reduction would be made in their rents during the term of their leases—not chusing to embrace that opportunity your Committee are of opinion they are not entitled to relief

they beg leave to offer the follow^{g} Resolution

Resolved that is inexpedient to reduce the rent or receive a surrender of the Leases of the Petitioners

Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
Philip Hone
W^{m} H Ireland
Thomas T Woodruff.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for widening Bancker St. from Pike St. presented a report the Consideration of Which was postponed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving at Rutgers Slip reported in favor of the Same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for regulating & paving Rutgers Street at Rutgers Slip [340] from Cherry St, to the Bulkhead

Report.

that they have had the Subject under their Consideration and are of the opinion that the improvement ought to be carried into Effect and accordingly recommend that the following resolution be adopted

Resolved that Rutgers Slip be regulated and paved from Cherry Street to the Bulkhead and that the Street Commissioner prepare the draft of an Ordinance Accordingly

Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Signed Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to Pave Sheriff St, from Grand to Stanton St. Reported in favor of the Pet. as follows.

The Street Committee. to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of Property on Sheriff St. praying that that Street may be paved from Grand to Stanton Street

Report.

that they have duly considered [341] the Subject and are of the opinion the request ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution and recommend that it be adopted.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Mott St. & opening it to Bleecker St. reported in favor of the Petition as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry Owners of property On Mott Street praying that that Street may be opened and extended to Bleecker St. and also that So much of Mott St. as is already opened may be regulated

Report,

That in their opinion the time has arrived when it becomes necessary that Mott Street Should be continued to Bleecker St. (the distance to be opened being 90 feet.) they therefore recommend that applications [342] be made for the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose of opening Said Street and that the Regulation of that part thereof already opened be postponed until the Street Shall be so opened to Bleecker Street and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that Mott Street be opened and extended to Bleecker St. and that the Counsel to this Board take the usual measures for having the Same carried into effect.

Resolved that the regulating of Mott St. from Prince St. to the grounds of James Roosevelt be postponed until the Street Shall have been opened to Bleecker St.

Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for opening the 6th Avenue to 13th Street reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom [343] was referred the petition of Sundry owners of Property interested therein that the Sixth Avenue be opened & Extended from Greenwh lane to thirteenth St.

Report,

that they have had the Subject under their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion that the interest of the Owners of Property in that vicinity would be promoted by opening the avenue as asked for by the Petitioners and therefore Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Sixth Avenue be opened and extended from Greenwich lane to thirteenth Street and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to have the Same carried into Effect.

(Signed)
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition that the names of Fly market St & maiden lane may be changed to [that] [344] of York St. Reported against the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry of the Owners of property on Flymarket Street & Maiden lane praying that the names of those Streets may be respectively be done away and the general name of York St. be Substituted therefore

Report,

That inasmuch as there is at Present a Street in this City lately named "York Street" it would be inconvenient to have another Street of that name and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

(Signed)
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

Mr St John presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Street now called Fly market St. be hereafter known by the [345] name of Maiden lane & that it be known by that name from Broadway to the East River which being read was laid for consideration

The Street Committee on the Petition of John C & Robert L Stevens, for paving the Side walks of Barclay St. from Washington

St to the Hoboken ferry reported in favour of the Petitioners as follows.

The Street Committee to Whom was referred the annexed petition of John C & Robert L Stevens requesting that the Side walks of Barclay Street may be paved from Washington Street to West Street

Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Side Walks of Barclay St. be paved from Washington Street to West Street.

Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Mr Ireland Presented a Resolution for Erecting a Pier at Albany Basin which after Some amendments [346] was read in the words following

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs take measures for Building a Pier at the Albany Basin with as much despatch as the Public Interest will justify" the Petition of the Captains of Vessels for the constructing said Pier was called up and read A motion was made to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips The Question being taken thereon It Passed in the Negative The Ayes & Noes having been called by Mr Ireland were as follows.

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff Ireland Seymour Zabriskie Munson Messrs Bolton St John Hone Burtsell Conover, 11.

Affirmative Ald Parker Mann Mess^{rs} Cowdrey Woodruff Sherman, 6,

The Question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution & was carried in the Affirmative A Division having been called by Ald^{n} Mann the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative M^{r} Recorder Ald Wyckoff Ireland Seymour Zabriskie *Seymour Zabriskie* Munson Messrs Bolton St John Hone Burtsell Conover Sherman 12

Negative Ald Parker Mann Messrs Cowdrey Cox Woodruff 5.

[347] Mr Cowdrey then presented the following Proviso to be added to the Said Resolution which was adopted.

Provided that the Money necessary for that Purpose be borrowed at a rate of interest not Exceeding Five per cent by the Finance [illegible]

The following Resolution was presented by Ald^{n} Parker

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Market Committee erect a Market on the Ground lately purchased for that purpose fronting on Grand Street in Conformity with the Plan herewith Submitted which being read was adopted,

The Recorder presented the following resolution

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to Enquire into the Expediency of taking the triangular piece of ground lying between Grand, Harman, & Scammel, Streets & also the Piece of ground lying between Grand Harman & Gouverneur Streets for the purpose of making an open Place resembling Chatham Square which was agreed to and referred accordingly to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented a return of [348] Delinquents on an Assessment for repairing Fulton St. from Broad Way to Nassau St and a Warrant was issued to N Jarvis to Collect the Same.

The Street Comm^{r} presented the following Ordinances which were passed

For a Well and Pump in Stanton Street between the Bowery and Chrystie St. & Benjamin Prince Francis Peckwell and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

For Paving the Side Walks of Barclay St. from Washington St. to West Street and Isaac Kip John Salisbury & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors.

For Paving Sheriff St. from Grand to Stanton St. and John Targee John Bedient & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

For Pitching & Paving Watts St. from Greenwich St to Canal St. & laying the Side walks therein Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & John Targee were appointed Assessors.

For Pitching and Paving Canal St. from Hudson [349] St. to Greenwich St. & for Paving the Side walks therein & Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & John Targee were appointed Assessors

For Regulating & Paving Rutgers St. in front of Rutgers Slip & Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Hook & Ladder

N^{o} 1

John Speir Cooper N^{o} 16 Liberty St. vice Martin Reeder resigned

No 4. Do.

James F Palmer Grocer 425 Greenwich St.
vice John Taylor Resigned

Fire Engine No 7.

George Quenard Cabinet maker 32 Mulberry St
Vice Palmer Vandyne removed from City

No 14

John Earl Boot maker 172 Greenwich S
Vice Rowland H Gardiner Resigned

No 36.

John Moger Mason 53 Watts St Vice James Douglas Resigned
Aaron Ramsen Grocer Sullivan St vice Rinear Skates Resigned

[350] No 41

Joseph Beyea Cartman Delancy Street
vice William S Smith Resigned
Jeremiah Loofborrow. Cartman Delancy St.
vice Daniel Hegeman Resigned
Daniel H Jenkins Baker Grand n Arundel St
vice Joseph Mills resigned

The City Inspector presented the following list of Ordinances for correction of Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correction of nuisances

No	1	Wm McLaughlin	Lessee	No	94	Bancker St	A Lot
	2	J McGonnegal	do		96	do	do
	3	M Stone	ocupt		26	Bayard	"
	4	W H Harrison	agent			Broome St	"
	5	R M Livingston	owner			do	"
	6	B P Melick	"			Essex	"
	7	Dr Beekman	Executor			"	"
	8	H Walton	Owner			Mulberry	"
	9	W Taylor	do			do	do
	10	J T Jacobs	occupt		26	Nassau	"
	11	C Judah	agent		28	"	"
	12	M Hoffman	owner			Norfolk	"
	13	S Jones	do			do	"
	14	[351] L Clarkson	do			Norfolk St	"
	15	C Wood	occupant		496	Pearl	do
	16	M Watt	"		49	Anthony	Privvy
	17	J Gillelan	"		82	B Way	do
	18	R Harrison	"		90	do	"

19	W^m S Coe	occupant	142 Cherry	Privy
20	J Brant	“	16 Crosby	“
21	J Sands	“	96 Elm	“
22	H Collins	“	99 “	“
23	N Cornell	“	101 “	“
24	N Garthwaite	“	101 “	“
25	F Fagan	“	Elm c Grand	“
26	H Mahan	“	“ c Howard	“
27	R Williams	“	125 Greenwich	“
28	G Spencer	“	151 “	“
29	Mrs Berry	“	161 “	“
30	J Thomas	“	196 Harman	“
31	N Reid	“	204 “	“
32	J Miller	“	11 Ludlow	“
33	E Clifton	“	1 Oak st	“
34	Wa[l]ter Murphy	“	3 “	“
35	S Hymes	“	15 Orange	“
36	J Delamater	“	19 Park	“
37	W Smith	“	*20*[27]“	“
38	H Goodwin	“	*27* “ [397 Pearl]	“
39	M Hyfield	“	*397 Pearl* [2 Rhynders]	“
40	C Johnston	“	3 Rhynders	“
41	[352] W Ketcham	“	3 do	“
42	Mrs Sears	“	7 do	“
43	F Vidal	“	14 “	“
44	J Tully	“	14 “	“
45.	S Skillin	“	366 Water St	do

George Cumming C. I.

Which was passed

A Letter was received from W^{m} J Waldron Assistant City Inspector returning his acknowledgements for the many acts of Kindness he had received from the members of the Board & in consequence of his having received an appointment which would require all his attention begged leave to resign his Office. Whereupon his resignation was accepted

The Comptroller Stated that he had received Sealed Proposals for leasing the *the* Street Manure agreeably to the directions of Com Council which he presented Whereupon the Lobby was Cleared and the Doors Closed

The President proceeded to open the Proposals when it appeared that Charles Dobbs had offered for the [353] First District $675. Ald Hall had offered for the 2nd $1900 & for the 3^{d} district $900

Charles Dobbs offered as his Sureties David Wilkins William Higgins, Stewart Elder Asa W Hall, & G G Hall, Whereupon the Above offers were accepted & it was referred to the Finance Committee to perfect the Contracts taking such Sureties as they Shall judge Sufficient

Resolved that the Regular meetings of the Board be at 4 Oclock

Comptroller Reported

Balance as per last Account 29th march	$589.31
Received for tax 1823 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10th wards	33600.
" Auction Sales	2500.
" Rents	890.47
" Mayoralty fees	85.
" Streets	68.53
" Wells & Pumps	53.03
" Commutation Alien Passengers	15.
	$.37,801.34

40 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	$813.75
[354] Hibberd & Clark Watch 2nd district	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d do	645.75
R Graves St Commr 1 Qr Salary 1st inst	400.
Wm J Waldron asst C Inspr 9 days in April	15.75
Francis Olmstead for Canvass White for surveys Maps and Report on Bringing Water to City	1100.15
George B Smith Maps 6, 7, 10th Wards	525. 0
Richard Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 inst	375.
A Burtis Supt Alms House and officers 1 Qr do	537.50
Wm Houghland do Penity & assistants do do	537.50
Leond Baum Clk Washington Market 1 mo. "	165.29
John Bremner Catharine " "	58.
Peter Ammerman 6 markets " "	50.50
George Duryea Fulton " "	41.67
Isaac Asten Sweeper do " "	38.59
John Woodward Clk City & County Expenses under Election Law	113.23
Wm S Johnson Costs of Suits in Sundry cases	224.31
M Leggetts Supt Work Mud Machine	118. 5
Ab Dally Rope for do do	29. 9
J Pinkerton Bal regs & pavs Canal St fr Church to Sullivan st	450.
J Bailey ac't do Lewis fr Delancey to 4th St	543.38
J Pinkerton ac't do Maiden lane	445.
T. Cumming do " Herring St fr Carmine to Christopher	400.
T Cumming do " Bedford from Burton to do	300.
G Lovett Extending Maiden lane Sewer	201.36
H Smith regs & pavs Washington st fr Watts to Charlton	200.
T Price Sewer Burling Slip	200.
[355] S. Fargay. regs & pavs Pearl St, at Burling Slip	180.
G Lovett paving Sidewalks Grand st c Green & Laurens st	172.06

R Pettigrew regs & Curbing Christopher fr Washington St to Asylum St	**$100.**
C Mooney regs & pav Chapel St fr Lispenard to Canal st	**79.76**
J Pinkerton work Extending Maiden lane Sewer	**68.86**
Dominick Lynch Principal & intt Canal St Sewer	**66.27**
Chas Johnson do do do	**45.64**
John Gordon do do do	**20.67**
Samuel Smith Cost of Suit R Morris v Corpn	**39.28**
S Fargay bal regs & pavs Marketfield St	**9.66**
Danl Ewen Surveys 1 Qr 1st inst	**187.**
Isaac F Ludlum do 1 Qr	**56.60**
Mechanic bond & Interest	**27463.50**
	$37559.38
Balance	**$241.96**

Board adjourned
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[357] In Common Council April 26th 1824

Present The Hon Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of George Warner for permission to remove a frame building No 298 Bowery was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward with Powers

A Petition of James G Reynolds to remove [358] two houses from the Corner of Bowery & Prince St was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward with powers

A Petition of Noah Jenkins to remove a Small house from the Corner of Grand to Ludlow St. was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 10th ward wh powers

A Petition of John Triglar to remove a *a* House No 232 Bowery to the 10th ward. was referred to the Ald & Assistant of 8th & 10th Wards with Powers

A Further Petition from David Robertson on Subject of his claim for services at the New Alms House & proposing to leave the Same to a reference was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Complaint of a number of Inhabitants of Carmine St. of a great nuisance occasioned by a discharge of the Water from the distillery in Greenwich St. was referred to the Aldermen & Assistant of the 8th & 9th Wards.

[359] A Petition that Columbia St. may be regulated & paved from Rivington to Grand Street was referred to the St. Committee

A Petition that Certain Lots at the corner of Broome & Mulberry St may be enclosed within fence was referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Prince St. from the Broadway to the Bowery may be laid with flagging was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George Lorillard & others dealers in tobacco stating they Experience great inconvenience for want of room at the Public Sales of Tobacco & praying the Corporation would assign the Space at the foot of Fly market St. at which Such Sales may be held was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 1st & 2nd Wards

A Resolution releiving the Executor of John Vanblarcum Junr deceased from payment of tax in 1st Ward was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[360] A Petition of Joseph Newton that the fences of the foundery in Beach St. & which occupy part of West Street may be removed was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Christian Brown for office of Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A Petition of William Fitch City Weigher Stating that being absent from the City he could not report himself agreeably to the Resolution of the 15th of March last & Praying that he be continued in office was referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Petition of John Hubbard to be appointed an Inspector of firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Sarah Mills was received Stating that She is owner of a piece of land in the Ninth Ward between the 5th Avenue & the Bloomingdale Road that the 5th Avenue when opened will run through it & that 21st Street when [361] opened will leave a Strip of Land of little use, that She is about building & She prays to be permitted to come out to the line of 21st Street from near the Corner of Bloomingdale Road to the Corner of the 5th Avenue which having been read was referred to the Street Commission^r to Report

A Petition of George Rapalye & others was received Stating that about seven years ago an Assessment was laid for opening the 10th avenue & paid, that Said Avenue Still remains in an unfinished State & praying that it may be immediately worked, which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of James Wilsey for office of Inspector of firewood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of W^m Miller a Preacher of the Gospel for relief from a Personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Edmund Seaman & others praying that the name of Beaver lane may be changed to Jackson St. was referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

[362] A Petition of Leonard Warner to be refunded the amount of a tax assessed on him & paid for a Lot which was not owned by him at the corner of William Street & Maiden lane which was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners of Property against the proposed improvement in Nassau St between Maiden lane & Liberty Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Lowere to be relieved from an Assessment laid on him for a lot at foot of Canal St. which he holds under lease from the Corporation at an annual rent & which Lease does not contain any Covenant on his part for payment of Assessments the Same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Amos Broad for relief from a judgement obtained against him under an ordinance of the Corporation for the removal of filth & Dirt from his premises *which* was referred to the Police Committee

[363] A Petition of James H Rowland for relief from a fine of one dollar & costs of prosecution in an Indictment for an Assault which he alledges was done in the discharge of his duty as a watchman without any intention of assaulting or injuring the Complainant was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Letter was received from the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly enclosing a Resolution of the House upon the Offer of the Common Council to afford accommodation to the Legislature at their autumnal Session this Should they See fit to adjourn to this City The Letter & Resolution were as follows

Albany April 12th 1824.

Sir

I have the honor hereWith to transmit to You a resolution of the house of Assembly

Please make known to the Corporation the high Sense which the Assembly Entertain of the Public Spirt and liberal offer made by the Corporation to accommodate the Legislature with Suitable Apartments in the City Hall of the City of New York in which to hold their Autumnal Session

Sir Your Obedient Servant

Richard Goodell
Speaker of the Assembly

[364] the Resolution was as follows.

State of New York.

In Assembly April 10th 1824

Resolved that his Honor the Speaker communicate to the Corporation of the City of New York the thanks of this house for the liberal offer made by the Corporation to accommodate the Legislature with Suitable apartments in the City Hall of the City of New York in Which to hold their Autumnal Session

I certify the preceeding resolution to be a true copy from the journal of the Assembly of the tenth day of April 1824

Edward Livingston
Clerk of the Assembly

Whereupon the Same was directed to be filed

An Invitation was received from the trustees of the African Free Schools to attend the Examination of the Schools on Friday 7th of May at 4 oClock at the School House N° 5 Mott St. near Prince St, which Invitation was accepted.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board [365] a certified Copy of a Law passed by the Legislature on 10th April 1824 Entitled "An Act to Amend An Act Entitled An Act to lay a duty on Strong liquors & for Regulating Inns & taverns So far as relates to the City of New York & for other Purposes. Which was directed to be published in the Several daily Papers of the City

The Attorney therefore for the purpose of carrying into Execution certain provisions of the Said Law presented an ordinance entitled " A Law respecting the issuing of tavern & Excise Licenses which was read by Paragraphs & passed

The Mayor also presented a Certified Copy of A Law passed by the Legislature entitled An Act relative to the Gaol in the City of New York for the Confinement of persons on Civil Process, and to the City Prison " which was directed to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Com^n Council

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the Petition of Messrs Seely & Olmstead lessees of the Watch house in Eldridge St. reported as follows.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the petition of Seely & Olmstead [366] have Examined the upper part of the Watch house in Eldridge St. which is at present occupied by the Petitioners [&] beg leave to state that there are Some Repairs absolutely necessary to be done for the preservation of the Building and for the accommodation of the Petitioners and as the Probable Expence will not exceed from twenty five to thirty dollars the Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to do the necessary Repairs to the upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge St And that the Same be carried into Effect under the direction of the Committee of Repairs

Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Several petitions for the appointment of Inspector of firewood presented the following Report,

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips beg leave to State [367] to the board that two vacancies have occurred of Inspectors of firewood the One by the death of Mr Brookings and the other by the resignation of Lewis Guirenau the Committee have had the Several petitions for appointment before them and have agreed to recommend to the [board] that Cornelius C Myers be appointed to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the death of M^r Brookings & that James Gritman be appointed to Supply the Vacancy by reason of the resignation of Lewis Geurinau and to this end the following resolution is respectfully Submitted

Resolved, that Cornelius C Myers and James Gritman be appointed Inspectors of Firewood the former to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Brookings and the latter the Vacancy caused by the resignation of Lewis Guerinau

George Zabriskie
Asa Mann
(Signed) S Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland
Shivers Parker

Which was approved and Cornelius C Myers & James Gritman were accordingly appointed to the office of Inspectors of Firewood

[368] The Committee on Assessments on the petition of the Reverend Hooper Cumming presented the following Supplemental report in his favour.

The Committee on Assessments on the annexed Certificate, beg leave to make a Supplementary Report on the petition of the Rever^{d} Doctor Cumming, that he ought to be relieved from any tax on personal property and therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th ward be authorised to return the tax on the personal Estate of Doctor Cumming for 1823 in his List of Errors and insolvencies

S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Leonard Bleecker respecting the purchase of a Small piece of ground at the corner of Canal St & Greene Street reported as follows

[369] The Finance Committee respectfully Report, on the annexed petition of Leonard Bleecker that the Petitioner in behalf of the owner or owners of Certain lots on the Corner of Canal & Greene Streets wishes to purchase a Small Strip of land of about fourteen inches adjoining the Said lots which belongs to the Corporation Your Committee are of opinion that it would be proper to Sell the Said Strip of land and therefore recommend that the following Resolution be passed

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary conveyance for the Said Strip of land for the Consideration of Twenty five dollars and that his honour the Mayor during the Recess of the Board be authorised to Execute the Same

(Signed)
Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
W^m^ H Ireland
W^m^ Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of George W Varian for relief from fine [370] incurred reported against the petition as follows.

The Finance Committee

Respectfully Report,

on the annexed petition of George W Varian that the petitioner wishes to be repaid a certain fine which he incurred heretofore for selling meat without a Butchers license But your Committee deem it inexpedient to Grant the prayer of Said petition and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Said petition

(Signed)
Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
W^m^ H Ireland
W^m^ Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom agreeably to the resolution of the Board at the last meeting had been referred the perfecting of the Contracts for the Street Manure presented the following report.

[371] The Finance Committee Report on the Resolution of the Board relative to the Street manure Contracts that Mr Dobbs has accepted his Contracts but that Mr. Hall did not accept of the 2nd & 3^{d} districts

Your Committee considered it Expedient to Suffer Mr Hall to abandon, and in Order to avoid delay they advertised the Same for Sale by auction at the Same time With the Remaining Public Slips They consider it Proper that the manure districts Should be sold in like with the Public Slips and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the manure districts shall be hereafter Sold by auction in the Same manner as the Public Slips and that His Honor the Mayor be authorised to Execute the Leases for the 2nd & 3d manure districts Sold by them as above Stated

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[372] The Finance Committee on the Petition of David Wagstaff to purchase lot No 146 Common lands reported against the Same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of David Wagstaff, that Mr Wagstaff wishes to purchase in fee certain of the Common Lands Lots in the ninth ward. But inasmuch as your Committee think that under existing circumstances it would be inexpedient to dispose of the Common land Lots they respectfully recommend the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the aforesaid petition

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Southwil for Stall No 42 Catharine market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was [373] referred the petition of John Southwil butcher for a grant of Stand No 42 Catharine Market at present occupied by Richard Bedell who is willing to Surrender up the Same, in his favour Report,

that the above applicant is recommended as a proper person to occupy a Butcher stand in said market they would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, that John Southwil receive a grant license for Stand No

42 Catharine market, on Richard Bedell surrendering the license now held by him for that Stand.

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
Thomas Bolton
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments beg leave to state to the Common Council that from the great number of Applications for relief from Assessment for taxes they have been led to inquire into the Causes of them and also to examine the legality of anny interference on the part [374] of the Common Council in individual cases after the Books of the Assessors have passed the Inspection of the Supervisors and they have placed in the hands of the Collectors. In regard to the latter Subject (the interference of the Common Council) the result of their Enquiries is, that no such power is expressly granted by the Act regulating the Assessment and Collection of taxes. The right of interfering then, in the manner that has been uniformly in practice for many years can only be traced to an equitable power which may be supposed to reside in the Common Council, This power the Committee are not disposed to question, but its exercise is necessarily inconvenient to the Board & the Officers of the City who are employed in the Assessment and Collection of taxes and it is also attended with considerable trouble to the Citizens as they must petition the Board, wait on the Committee appointed for their Relief and on the Assessors for certificates as to mistakes &c and on the Clerk to know the result of their application

The Committee feeling desirous of obviating these difficulties as far as possible have concluded that in many instances [375] they would be avoided if a written notice were left by the Assessors at the time of assessing with Some person Stating the amount assessed on the real & personal Estate, Should this practice be Established each inhabitant would be able to rectify any mistake promptly in the first Instance and much of the inconvenience & dissatisfaction that are now Experienced would be Effectually prevented.

The Committee therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Several Assessors of taxes to leave a notice at each House with Some person therein at the time of Assessing Stating the Amount assessed on the real & also on the

Personal Estate, and that the Comptroller furnish the requisite number of printed Blanks to the Assessors

S Cowdrey
Henry J. Wyckoff
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Thomas T Woodruff
Stephen Conover.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Following were appointed firemen the [376] Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hose Company N^{o} 1.

Thomas Schieffelin Jun^{r} Clerk 177 Pearl St
vice Samuel B Hoyt resigned.

Fire Engine Comp^{y} N^{o} 1.

Theophilus Civill Grocer Duane Street
vice Edmund Hatfield Expelled.
James Merkle Wheelright 22 Hubbard St
vice Garret Vanderburgh do.
Joseph Deshey Painter 32 Leonard St.
vice John Gaffit J^{r} do.
Abraham Coddington J^{r} mason 95 Hudson St
vice Gilbert Hislop do.

N^{o} 17.

George M Pentz Cooper 11 Batavia St vice vacancy

N^{o} 20.

William T Welden Sadler 97 Greenwich St
vice Bazalael Sandford left the City
William E Vermilya Grocer 36 Lumber St
vice Robert Gordon resigned
William Candell Cooper 30 Lumber St
vice John Adams resigned

N^{o} 23.

Charles S Seabury Cabinet maker Chamber St
vice Alexander Hannan resigned.

[377] N^{o} 31.

Peter P Wendover druggist corner of Varick St & Cornell st
vice Jotham Weeks resigned

N° 35.

Epenetus Doughty Baker Harlaem vice Caleb Mudge resigned
John G Farrington grocer Harlaem
vice John Adriance Jun^{r} resigned.

N° 39.

Alfred Seymour Clerk 167 Broadway
vice N Smith Prentiss Elected F Warden

N° 42

Jeronimus A Fowler Carpenter 342 Front St
vice David Dean resigned
William Briskoe Plater 63 Mulberry St.
vice Alexander Allen Deceased

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for repairing Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon row with a report thereon Whereupon the Ordinance & Report was referred to the Street Committee.

Also an Ordinance for Paving the Side Walks of Dover St. & Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

[378] He also presented the following communication on the Subject of working South Street

The Street Commissioner respectfully informs the Common Council that on the 9th day of June 1823 an Ordinance was passed by the Board directing all the Owners of Water lots between Catharine and market Streets to make South Street in front of their respective lots by the first day of September in the Same year and the Water lots between Water Street & South Street filled up by the first day of January 1824. a copy of Which Ordinance was Duly Served on Each of the proprietors Subsequently the Owners of the lots aforesaid petitioned the Board for an Extension of the time on account of the impracticability of procuring suitable dock timber which was granted them

The Undersigned would suggest the propriety of renewing the Ordinance and accordingly herewith presents a draft thereof in order that it may be Confirmed by the Board and Copies Served on the respective proprietors forthwith

All which is respectfully Submitted

R Graves St Com^{r}

[379] Whereupon the Ordinance proposed by him for making South Street between Catharine & Market Street was passed

He also presented an ordinance directing William Rhinelander Agreeably to a resolution of the Board to Build a pier at the foot of Murray Street on the North River which was passed.

The Attorney of the Board presented the following Resolution respecting extending Mott Street from the present Northerly termination to Bleecker Street.

Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenence to Extend Mott Street in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York from its present Northerly terminat^{n} to Bleecker St. the Said Mott St being a Street in that Part of the said City not laid out into Streets Avenues Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act Entitled " An Act relative to Improvements touching the laying out of Streets & Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 3^{d} 1807 and [380] that the Same is hereby ordered to be done And that the Counsel of this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners in the Premises

Which was adopted.

He also presented a Petition to the Supreme Court agreeably to Said Resolution Whereupon the Petition was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Attorney also presented the following on the Contracts for the Work done at the Fever Hospital.

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for execution an agreement with Isaac Lucas & John Pollard for the Carpenters Work and with William Westerfield & Gideon Tucker for the Masons Work of the Fever Hospital These Contracts have been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Committee on that Subject who have examined & approved of the Same and the bonds for their faithfully execution

M. Ulshoeffer

[381] Whereupon the Agreements were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the following report on the Subject of Leasing the Public Docks & Slips & the 2nd & 3^{d} districts of the Street Manure

The Attorney of the Board herewith Submits for execution the ing Leases for the public Slips To John K Townsend for districts N° 1 & 2 rent $11,025 To John R Soper for district N° 3. rent $875 To Thomas R Smith for district N° 4. Rent $9.0500. To Jacob B Smith for district N° 5 rent $3125 To Edward Hitchcock for district N° 6 rent $3925. To Henry J Pratt for district N° 7 & 8 rent $7.700 & To James Smith for district N° 9 rent $2.650 And also A Lease to W^{m} M Hitchcock for district N° 2 of the Street manure rent $1375. & a Lease to George D Strong and James Ballagh for district N° 3 Street manure Rent $465

These Leases have been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Finance comm^{ee}

Respectfully Submitted

M. Ulshoeffer Atty

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly Executed

[382] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances as follows

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

N°	1	Mrs Price	Occupant	N°	1	Birmingham St	A Privy
	2	M Brown	"		44	Bowery	"
	3	J Given	"		50	"	"
	4	E Williams	"		70	"	"
	5	W H Pinckney	"		152	"	"
	6	J Curtain	"		154	"	"
	7	*J* [L] Smith	"		*176*[156]	"	"
	8	S Purdy	"		158	"	"
	9	I T Storm	"		83	Broad	"
	10	J Peters	"		160	Broome	"
	11	L. Washburne	"	N°	162	"	"
	12	Mrs Dougherty	"			Charles	"
	13	Col^{l} Few	Owner		214	Duane	"
	14	J D Crawbuck	Occupant			Elizabeth	"
	15	A Kissam	"		22	Greenwich	"
	16	R Peckham	"		24	"	"
	17	J Stewart Jun^{r}	"		27	"	"
	18	R Gore	"		33	"	"
	19	H King	"		35	"	"
	20	John J Mumford	"		37	"	"
	21	P Ritter	"		41	"	"
	22	B Aymar	"		42	"	"
	23	D J Ebbets	"		43	"	"
	24	[383] W H Clayton	"		45	"	"
	25	T Simonson	"		47	"	"
	26	J Moses	"		50	"	"
	27	F Gibhard	"		91	"	"

No 28	W Swan	Occupant	95	Greenwich	A Privy
29	Mrs Roberts	"	99	"	"
30	W^{m} Ireson	"	100	"	"
31	G Patten	"	101	"	"
32	G Harsin Jun^{r}	"	102	"	"
33	A H Cowan	"	103	"	"
34	W Wallace	"	107	"	"
36	P L Deluze	"	134	"	"
37	Westervelt & Quackenbos	"	185	"	"
38	T Galloway	"	140	Elizabeth st	"
39	S Whitney	Owner	25	Pearl	"
40	J Kissam	occup^{t}	363	"	"
41	S Woodruff	"	298	Spring	"
42	E Chapman	"	8	State st	"
43	J Othout	"	54	Water St	"
44	R Yeo	"	165	do	"
45	J Norwood	"	218	"	"
46	R Trested	"	68	William	"
46½	H Pine	"	"	[Allen]	"
47	P Ogilvie	Owner		Bancker & Grand	"
48	H Smith	"		Broome St.	"
49	W^{m} Messerve	Occup^{t}	[206	Bowery]	"
50	C Stambler	"		Elizabeth St	"
51	J McVickar	"		Hudson St	"
52	[384] G Lovett	owner		*Hudson* [Laurens] St.	"
53	do	"		Laurens st	"
54	A S Pell -	do		do	"
55	J B Murray	"		"	"
56	H Maxwell	"		Mercer St	"
57	R Riker	"		do	"
58	C Heeney	trustee		Mulberry St	"
59	S Macauley	Owner	550	Pearl St	"
60	A L Stewart	do		Sullivan	"
61	Ch^{s} W Sandford	"		Thompson	"
62	R Tillotson	"	220	Water St	"
63	J Beekman	"	do	Wooster st	"
64	D R Lambert	"	do	"	"
65	J M Livingston	"	"	"	"

(S^{d}) George Cumming C I

Which were passed

The following Annual Report of the trustees of the City Dispensary as presented and referred to the Finance Committee

To the Common Council of the City of New York

The Trustees of the City Dispensary Respectfully Report,

hat during the Year ending on the 15th of March there have been vaccinated by the Physicians of the Dispensary at the f the Patients 1715 persons which with 1129 vaccinated at the Office of the Institution make a total of 2844 individuals who have received the benefit of Kine Pock inocculation through the medium of this Society during the past Year.

Referring to the annexed reports in detail from the Physicians and apothecaries the trustees respectfully request that an Order may be passed for the payment of the Annual Allowance of $600 on account of the Vaccine department of the Dispensary

New York Ap^{l} 22nd 1824

By order & on behalf of the trustees

(Signed) Lindley Murray treas^{r}

The Comptroller presented the following on the Subject of Leases of lots N^{os} 25, 26 Common lands.

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports that a lease for two lots N° 25. 26 Common lands was made to James Pettit on the 23^{d} of April 1823 for 10 Years from 1st May following at an Annual rent of $170.

On the 9th February last J Pettit surren- [386] dered to the Corporation all his interest in Said Lease authorising them to receive from Samuel Van Norden who leased the premises from him, rent from 27th Nov^{r} 1823 to 1st of April 1824 at the rate of $210 per annum.

This Rent Mr Van Norden has agreed to pay and take a new Lease from the Corporation at the rate formerly agreed on

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the Counsel of the Board be requested to prepare a Lease to Samuel Van Norden for Lots N° 25, 26 Common Lands for 9 years from the 1st of May 1824 at an Annual rent of $170 with the usual covenants

(Signed) G. N, Bleecker Compt^{r}

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to prepare leases for Samuel Van Norden agreeably thereto

He also presented the following report of the Sales of the Leases of Public docks & Slips & of the Street Manure.

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District N° 1.	John K Townsend	[illegible]
2	do do	[illegible]
3	John R Soper	[illegible]
4	Thomas R Smith	
5	Jacob B Smith	
6	Edward Hitchcock	

District No 7	Henry J Pratt	4200
8	do	3500
9	James Smith	2650
		$38.350

Street Manure

District No 1.	Charles Dobbs	$675
2	Wm M Hitchcock	1375
3	Strong & Ballagh	465
		$2515

(Signed) G. N Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon the Same was directed to be filed

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the petition of James Bogert Junr presented a Report and for the Remedy of the acts complained of presented the draft of a Law to prevent [388] Bathing at improper times & places

After Some discussion, Aldn King presented a Resolution referring to the Committee on Wharves to consider & report on the Expediency of constructing Some fence or building to afford facilities for Bathing on the Margins of the North & East Rivers Whereupon the Report & Resolution were referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Ostrander and adopted.

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to Repair the Fences belonging to Potters field together with the dwelling belonging thereto and that the Same be carried into Effect under the direction of the Committee on Lands & Places

The following Resolution presented by Ald. Munson Chairman of the Finance Committee by their direction was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to prepare a warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favor of B Skaats for [389] $144 $^{50}/_{100}$. being for different articles purchasd from time by order of Former Committees for the use of the Members of this Board Which Articles are to be left with the Keeper of *the Keeper of* the City Hall & remain as the Property of the Corporation Subject to their Control.

The following Resolution was presented by Ald^{n} Ireland and was referred to the Finance Com^{ee}

Resolved that a Committee be appointed whose duty it Shall be to ascertain whether the City Inspector requires more than one Assistant to Enable him to discharge the duties of his office promptly and if so what number are necessary and that they report the result of their Enquiries at the next meeting of the Board.

Ald Wyckoff presented the following which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that a Committee be instructed to make arrangements with the Assessors of each of the Wards of the City to return the names of all persons residing in their respective Wards who deal in Ardent Spirits by wholesail & Retail, Importers & Distillers Excepted.

[390] Ald Taylor presented a resolution for opening Third Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue which was referred to the Street Committee.

Ald Taylor presented A Resolution for Building a Pier at Charlton Street which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

He also presented A Resolution for disposing of the Block of lots on the Westerly Side of Washington Street between Albany & Cedar Streets & the proceeds to be applied to building the Pier at Albany Basin & at the End of Charlton St. which was referred to the Finance Committee

Ald Ireland presented a Resolution for the Finance Committee to Enquire whether the Public Interest required the disposal of Vacant Space of Ground in front of any of the Public Slips or of any of Public Property which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Resolution respecting naming Maiden lane [391] was called up & being read was in the words following " Resolved that the Street called Fly market St. be hereafter called & known by the name of Maiden lane " The question being taken on agreeing to the Same it was carried in the Affirmative,

Comptroller Reported.

Balance as per Account 12th Inst.		$241.96
Received for tax of 1823, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10th wards		36450.
"	Streets	5992.79
"	Rents	3432.93
"	Excise	130.
"	Commutation Alien Passengers	100.
"	Mayoralty fees	91.50
		46,439.18

31 Accounts Audited

Leek and Walton Watch 1st district	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d "	645.75
O Hibberd 12 Watchmen Execution of J Johnson 2nd inst	9.
Geo B Smith Assistant St. Com^{r} 1 Q^{r} Salary	337.50
J Morton Clk C. C. Amount paid for Carriage Hire & postage	24.37
J W Lent Register recording Sundry conveyances	24.68
David Lyon Making & Repairing Hose for Engines	530.78
Ab^{m} Leggett Sup^{g} work mud machine to 25th inst	131.64
Haydock & Jenkins 10 Casks Oil	428.75
J Mapes treas^{r} Deaf and Dumb institution 6 mo	200.
[392] Proprietors of Patriot advertising Law for new councils	8.
G Tucker ac't Maiden lane Sewer	340.
J Pinkerton ac't Reg^{g} & pav^{g} Maiden lane	200.
Thompson Price Act. building Cisterns Rose st	200.
Abisha Smith Act Cross Walks in 4th ward	150.
C Mooney Act do " 5th ward	140.
H Smith bal pitch^{g} & pav^{g} Fulton st fr B^{d}way to Nassau st	56.68
J Mehan bal. reg^{g} & Curbing Christopher fr Wash^{n} to Asylum	38.16
Robert Woodruff Principal & int^{t} Canal St Sewer	32.63
Jacob P Roome Sup^{t} Repairs for Docks & Slips	2794.
J P Roome do Lamp departm^{t}	450.
J P Roome do Alms House	200.
J P Roome do Streets	150.
J P Roome do Pump departm^{t}	150.
J P Roome do Fire departm^{t}	120.
J P Roome do Markets	100.
Arthur Burtis Sup^{t} Alms House	5000.
J. Fleming treas^{r} to pay dividends on City Stock 1 Q^{r} 1 May	18.500.
Mechanics bank bond & interest	13.761.
	$.46234.22
Balance	$.204.96

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4	Thomas R Smith	9050
5	Jacob B Smith	3125
6	Edward Hitchcock	3925

VOLUME FIFTY-ONE
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
MAY 10, 1824 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1824

[1] In Common Council May 10th 1824

Present The Honble William Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen
Elisha W King
William H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
George S Doughty
Reuben Munson

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel St John
Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey
William Burtsell
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox
Thomas T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman
Gideon Ostrander.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Thomas Fenwick for permission to transfer leases of Lots No 144 & 1848 Com. lands to John Woodward was referred to the Comptroller with authority

A Petition of Sundry Owners of property in Columbia [2] Street praying that it may be widened So as to be Sixty feet wide between Grand & North St. Five feet to be taken from lots on each Side & applied to the Foot Walks which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Charles Coles. Stating that he had made a contract for regulating & Paving Columbia Street part of which is executed but owing to a difference as to the Regulation he is prevented from proceeding & praying a remuneration for the work he has done or to be directed as to the remainder which being read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Paul B. Loyd for relief from Assessment of Personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Francis Barretto Junr to purchase or lease a Lot of Acres in the 9th ward adjoining property belonging to him which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition that Chatham Street be repaved from Pearl to James Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

[3] A Petition of Charles Guyer for remission of penalty incurred by not filling up a Lot was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Hixon Wilson for extension of time until Augus next for payment of an Assessment for paving Herring Street which being read was referred to the Finance Commee

A Petition of Michael Van Beuren for permission to place an Iron railing on the side & in front of a House now erecting by him on the corner of Varick & Laight Street was read & referred to the Ald & Assistant of 5th Ward & Stt Comr with Powers

A Petition of the trustees of the African methodist Church in Church St. Stating that the Burial ground assigned to them in Potters field is nearly filled & praying additional ground may be granted them in Potters field for the interment of their dead being read was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of the New York & Jersey Steam boat Ferry Company praying that the Corporation would Extend the pier at the North Side [4] of Courtlandt Street in order to Secure the Boats from the Sea was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants in the Vicinity of the Lots on the South Side of ground between Norfolk & Suffolk Streets that the Lots be enclosed in fence was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Thomas Walton, one of the Captains of the City Watch praying remuneration of Costs of Suit paid by him on a prosecution against him as Captain of the Watch, which being read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from owners of Lots on North Street between Washington & West Streets praying that North Street may be paved from Washington to West Street which being read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Charles Rhind that a Suit brought against him for an Auger for boring the Earth which had been loaned to him by the Corporation might be discharged was read A Report from the Attorney [5] on the Subject was presented whereupon the Report & Petition were referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Holmes for some office under the Corporation was referred to the Comee on Applications for office.

A Memorial from a number of Owners of Stores affected by the Law prohibiting the Hoisting of Merchandise in the Streets praying A Repeal of the Law as affecting their property was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Reverend Wm Harris for relief from a tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Patrick McFeck for permission to remove a Building from the 6th to the 8th ward was referred to the Ald & Assistants of 6th & 8th wards with Powers.

A Petition of Charles Dusenbury for permisson to Let his Stoop remain in front of his house corner of Spring & Crosby Street was read & referred to the St Committee.

A Petition to have the Side Walks in Sullivan [6] Street paved from Canal to Spring Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that a Pump corner of Broome & Orange Street be removed and another Sunk was referred to the Ald & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Memorial of Hannah Murray Stating that She is about building upon a lot forming the North West corner of Green & Canal Street that the lot is cut off from the Street by a small Gore owned by the Corporation & praying that Said Gore may be sold to her, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of Sundry Tenants & Lessees on the Line of 3rd Street between the Bowery and first Avenue praying Said 3d Street may not be opened as their Crops of Vegetables will be thereby destroyed which being read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Wm Kemble agent for the West Point foundery & others remonstrating against the Opening of West Street between [7] Harrison & Hubert St. was referred to the Street Committee with Powers.

A Complaint of the Inhabitants of the Vicinity of Duane Slip Stating the incapacity of the Inspector of Firewood stationed at that Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition to pave Wooster St from Grand to Broome St was referred to the Street Commee

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom had been referred the Several petitions for constructing Wharves at the foot of Charlton Street at the foot of Chamber St. and a middle pier at James or Roosevelt Slip presented the following Report.

The Committee On Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Annexed Petitions praying that piers or wharves may be built at the places following vizt One at the bottom of Charlton St and a middle pier at James or Roosevelt Slip

Respectfully Report.

That your Committee met a few days after last adjournment of the Board and resolved to have the depths of mud & Water ascertained at the Above mentioned places in order [8] that calculations might be made as nearly correct as possible of the probable expence of erecting piers at those places. this has been done and the Committee furnished by the Street Commissioner with an Estimate founded thereupon from which it appears that a pier to extend into the river at Charlton St. the distance of two hundred & fifty feet is estimated to cost $5965 one at Chamber St to Extend into the River the Same distance as the last mentioned is estimated to Cost $6883 $^{75}/_{100}$ and middle pier at James or Roosevelt Slip to extend into the River the distance of one hundred & Ninety feet will cost $5500 the aggregate of these Several amounts is $18 348 $^{75}/_{100}$ the Committee have reason to believe that the last mentioned sum will not differ materially from the actual amount this Sum it will be perceived is much less than was anticipated by the Committee or what was generally Supposed the piers would Cost.

The Committee have had the applications for those piers pending before them for several months during which they have endeavored to bestow on the Subject that full careful and *deriberate* [deliberate] consideration which on the one hand the respectable Sources from which the petition Emanated claimed, and on the other the [9] Effect & operation which a compliance with their requests would have upon the fiscal concerns of the City Seemed to demand; the Committee have *had* found that these Improvements might be Effected for a Sum far less than was at first imagined as they have above Shewn and without injury in their opinion to our finances have concluded to Recommend that Piers be built at the following places viz^{t} at Charlton Street Chamber St and James Slip

It will be some time before any considerable amount of the *amount of the* money for the above object will be required and it is thought that after defraying the Current and ordinary expences of the Year that a Surplus of Sufficient amount will remain to meet the disbursement that will be necessary for the improvements contemplated in this report and that. lately authorised to be mad[e] at the Albany basin. and this independant of the Amount which we have reason to believe will Eventually be credited to the City as to its portion of the tax *of the tax* levied on the monied Institutions located here, this amount it is supposed will be returned during the present year the Committee deeming the piers in question necessary and under the view they have taken of the Subject apprehending that they may be built without Embarassing the treasury recommend the passage of the following [10] Resolution

Resolved that piers be built under the direction of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and the Street Commissioner at the following places viz^{t} one at the bottom of Charlton Street one at the foot of Chamber Street and a middle pier at James or Roosevelt Slip the two former to Extend into the River the distance of 250 feet and the latter the distance of one hundred and ninety feet

George Zabriskie
(Signed) W^{m} H Ireland
S. Cowdrey
Shivers Parker

Alderman Mann then presented a Resolution directing the Sale of the Public Docks & Slips and moved that the Consideration of the report of the Committee be postponed the Question being taken on postponing the consideration of the Report it passed in the negative the Ayes & Noes having been called by Ald Mann the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Ireland Seymour Zabriskie Parker Taylor Doughty Munson Mr Hone Cowdrey Conover Woodruff 12

Affirmative Ald King Mann Mr Bolton StJohn Burtsell Cox Sherman Ostrander 8.

[11] The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and was carried in the Affirmative

So the Report was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Resolution of the Board to consider and report whether the City Inspector required the assistance of more than one Clerk to discharge the duties of his Office reported as follows,

The Finance Committee to whom the annexed Resolution was referred, Report, that they have duly investigated the Subject, and are of the opinion that an assistant is requisite in the City Inspectors office to Enable [him] to discharge the duties of his office, That the Assistant who is now in the City Inspectors office ought to be the General Messenger for that & the other Departments & to perform Such other duties as the City Inspector Shall require That the Assistant who is to be appointed ought to be the Clerk or assistant for that department and to perform such other duties as the City Inspector Shall require

Your Committee consider that with Such an organisation the duties of the City Inspectors office can be faithfully & Promptly discharged they therefore [12] Respectfully recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the City Inspectors office Shall be arranged as provided for in this report And that a proper assistant Shall accordingly be appointed by the board

Reuben Munson
(Signed) George Zabriskie
William H Ireland
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a resolution proposed for disposing of Certain blocks of Lots on the Westerly side of Washington Street Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred on the 26th of April last a resolution proposed for disposing of the Blocks of lots on the Westerly Side of Washington Street between Albany & Cedar St and that the proceeds be appropriated for building the Pier in the A[l]bany basin And at the end of Charlton Street"

Also a resolution directing them to enquire whether the public interest calls for the immediate disposal of the open Spaces of ground at the head of any of the public Slips; Or of any of the public Property whatever, and that they report their opinion [13] thereon with as little delay as the nature of the Case will admit.

Respectfully Report,

That they have taken the Subject above mentioned into their deliberate Consideration and viewed it in every Light connected with the Public Interest, and Submit the following Remarks.

The Property belonging to the Corporation is considered as pledged for the redemption of the City Stock The Six per Cents are not redeemable befor the 31st of Decemr 1826 The Five per Cents Loan of 1821 will be payable on the 1st of May 1831 and that of 1820 on the 1st of August 1850.

From the present situation of the Commercial World. and a prospect of its Continuance the rate of interest on money is lower than has been Known for many years and the price of Stocks are so enhanced that purchases can only be made at a great disadvantage The value of Real Estate is generally low and a Sale of public property at this time would be injurious to the Corporation

From a careful Examination of the Subject submitted for Consideration the Committee are decidedly of Opinion that it would be disadvantageous to dispose of the Ground above mentioned; and therefore Submit the following resolution

[14] Resolved that the public interest does not require the immediate disposal of the open Spaces of Ground at the head of any of the public Slips or of any of the public property whatever

(Signed)
Reuben Munson
W^m H Ireland
George Zabriskie
W^m Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hixon Wilson for further allowance on contract for building Watch house corner of Wooster & Prince St. reported against the Petition^r as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hixen Wilson praying that he be remunerated the Sum of Two hundred dollars which he States was Expended in the Erection of the Watch house for the third district Watch *house* over and above the Amount of his contract for the Same Report,

that they have duly considered the Subject, and altho' M^r Wilson may not have realised as much as he had Anticipated by his Contracts yet he has not shewn by document, or Otherwise that he sustained [15] the loss mentioned in his Petition—One thing your Committee are assured of, that he suffered no loss on the Masonwork, as he contracted with a builder to do that part of the work for the same amount as he received from this Corporation, and if he lost on the Carpenter's work by neglect or otherwise he ought not to Complain as he is by profession a Carpenter & ought to have estimated so as not at least to have Suffered by that part of his contract

On a Review of the whole Subject the Committee are of opinion that Mr Wilson has no claims on the board and accordingly recommend the following resolut^n

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

(Signed)
Reuben Munson
W^m H Ireland
George Zabriskie
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for changing the name of Beaver lane reported against the Petitioner as follows.

The St Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons residing in Beaver lane praying that the name of that Street may be changed to that of Jackson Street for the [16] reasons therein Set forth

Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the reasons advanced by the petitioners are not of Sufficient moment to induce this Corporation to Alter the name of that unimportant Street as they believe the Evil would be much greater to the owners of property on that Street by changing their title deeds than by any possible inconvenience it can be to them by having the name of Beaver lane continued they accordingly offer the following resolutions

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the Side walks in Prince Street from Broadway to the Bowery reported in favor of the Same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition of the Owners of property on Prince Street praying that the Side Walks in that Street may be paved from [17] Broadway to the Bowery

Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the request of the petitioners is reasonable and therefore ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant to be permitted to regulate 13th Street at his own Expence reported in his favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for Permission to regulate Thirteenth Street from the Bowery to the first Avenue

Report,

that, in their opinion there can be no impropriety in giving permission to Mr Stuyvesant to regulate So much of that Street as may be directly in front of his own premises and no further and accordingly offer the [18] *the* following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted So far as it relates to 13th St, in front of his premises only.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Communication of the Street Commr recommending the repaving of Chatham Street reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication of the Street Comr respecting the regulating and repaving of Chatham Street from Broadway to Tryon Row

Report,

That they have viewed the premises and are of opinion that the Suggestion of the Street Commr ought to be complied with as the Pavement is much too low and So much Broken as to require to be relaid throughout

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Chatham Street be [19] regulated & repaved from Broad Way to Tryon Row and that the Street Commissioner take measures to have the Same carried into Effect

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Hose Co N° 1.

Benjamin M Underhill druggist 15 Peck Slip
vice Thomas Sweeney Expelled

H & L N° 3.

Samuel Harris Blacksmith 221 Hudson st
vice John Delamater time out
Jacob Concklin Carpenter 217 Elm St
vice John Bloomfield do

Fire Engine N° 2

Alfred W Shadbolt Shoemaker 100 Forsyth
vice Minot Ripley Resigned
John Palmer Cabinet maker 11 Catharine
vice Seth Campbell Expelled

N° 4

John W Lamson Cabinet maker 65 Bayard st
Vice Samuel T King resigned

[20] N° 10

Saul Fowler Painter 295 Bowery vice Joseph Rickard resigned
Daniel Horton grocer Bowery vice James Car[r] do
John Snyder, gardner Bowery vice John Tier time out

N° 11.

W^m Aymar, Blockmaker South St. vice John Miller resigned

N° 18.

Robert White merchant Pearl St vice William Underhill resigned

N° 23.

James Struthers, Clerk 78 Hudson St
vice John N Gridley time out

N° 27

James Duglas Blacksmith Watts st Vice Peter Boyd time out

N° 31.

Gilbert A Johnson mason 40 Leonard st vice David Smith resigned

N° 24

John Meeks Cabinet maker Anthony st vice Eseck Wardell resigned
Peter P Davis Grocer Gold st vice Cha^{s} Meeks resigned

[21] The Attorney presented the following report on Captains of Vessels neglecting to report passengers

The Attorney respectfully Reports that Captain Moody of the Brig Admittance was complain^{d} of for not reporting his passengers. & that he has reported & paid Costs.

The Attorney reports the like in the Case of Captain Moore of the Ship Comet

The Attorney reports the like in the Case of Captain Hubbell of the Sloop Comet

The Attorney respectfully recommends a remission of the penalties in the Above Cases

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties were remitted

The Attorney presented a Report Stating that the Supreme Court had Confirmed the Assessment of the Commissioners on opening 5th Street—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Com^{ee}

The Attorney presented for execution Leases for Lands Sold for taxes as follows

The Attorney herewith respectfully Reports for execution the following leases of Lots Sold heretofore for Assessments and which have not been redeemed in pursuance of the Statute to wit.

[22] A Lease to Andrew Smith of all that certain Lot of land bounded Southerly and Westerly by land formerly belonging to J. C. Kraft deceased Northerly by a Certain Alley Easterly by land belonging to Unknown Owners. for 50 years from the 18th of December 1823

2. A Lease to Andrew Smith of all those four certain Lots of land bounded northerly by a lane Easterly by Union Road Southerly by Land of Andrew Gifford & Westerly by Land of David Bryson

Also four other lots bounded Northerly by a lane Easterly by the Jews Cemetery Southerly by land of Andrew Gifford and Westerly by a vacant piece of ground or Street. for 20 Years from 18th of Decem^{r} 1823.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Same was directed to be duly Executed.

The Attorney presented for Execution a lease to Samuel Van Norden as follows

The Attorney respectfully reports for execution a lease to Samuel Van Orden of Lots Number Twenty five & twenty Six of the Common lands, for Nine Years from the first day of May inst. [23] at the rent of $170 per annum and with the usual Covenants made out in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of April 29th 1824

(Signed M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Same was directed to be duly Executed

The Comptroller presented the following on the account of the treasurer of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports that he has received from the treasurer an account of Receipts into the treasury and Warrants paid from 1 November 1823. to 30th of April 1824 inclusive

Also a Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund for the Same period both are correct.

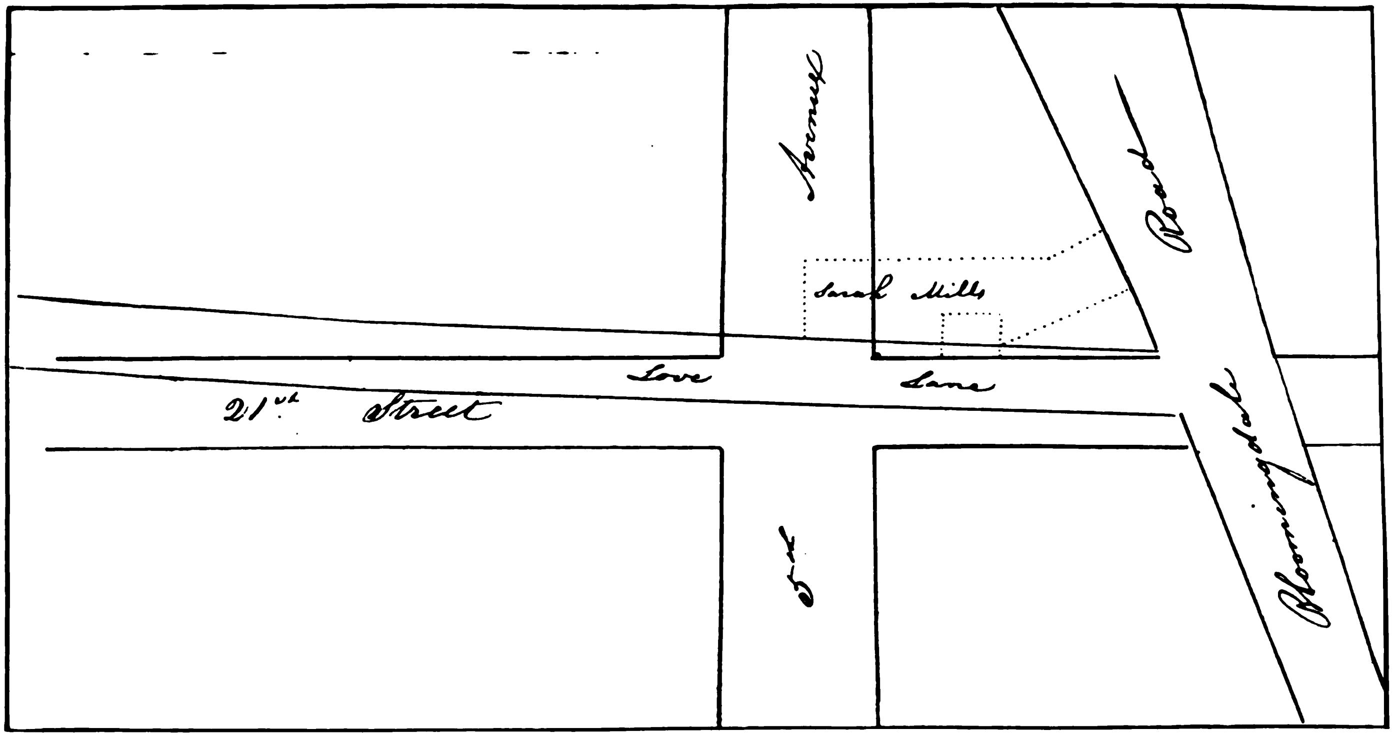
(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptr

The Comptroller presented a communication on the Subject of an encroachment by George Warner on a Lot of the Corporation at Mercer Street on Which an Engine House is Erected which was read and Laid on the table

[23A] The Comptroller reported that the amount paid into the treasury for Commutation of Alien Passengers for the Quarter Ending the 30th of April last, was $145 Which was directed to be filed

The Street Commr to whom was referred the *the* Petition of Sarah Mills reported as follows

The St Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Mills requesting that She may be permitted to occupy a part of the Street or road called Lovelane to Erect a house thereon begs leave respectfully to Report, that the line of 21st Street is from 7 to 8. feet within Love lane, that if the petitioner is permitted to build on that line, it will occupy more than the Fifth part of the highway as by reference to the annexed anagram will appear. it may be proper also to State that as this is a public Road or Highway the Undersigned is of the opinion the Corporation has no right to permit it to be encroached upon with buildings or Other permanent Obstructions



When offering an adverse report (see page 710) on the petition of Sarah Mills (see pages 679-80) Street Commissioner Graves presented this carefully executed map which he was pleased to call an "anagram." The original was found among the loose documents in the custody of the City Clerk.

Hundreds of Mr. Graves's reports appear in these minutes because the Corporation was fortunate in retaining him in its service for more than twenty years, having appointed him Superintendent of Streets March 27, 1809 (see vol. V, p. 491), and Street Commissioner, Oct. 15, 1821 (see vol. XII, p. 68).—Ed.

from this view of the Subject the Street Comm^{r} believes it would be inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner

[23B] All Which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) R Graves St Com^{r}

Which *was* report was approved & accepted

The Street Comm^{r} presented an Ordinance for paving the Side Walks. in Prince St. from Broadway to the Bowery which was passed & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for repaving Chatham St from Broad Way to Tryon Row which was passed and John Sali[s]bury Joh[n] Targee & John Bedient were appointed Assessors

Also an *An* Assessment for regulating and Repaving Hudson St. from Duane to Anthony St. which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis app^{d} Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances Viz.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz

N^{o} 1	John F Delaplaine	owner		Sheriff st	A Lot
2	A Knapp	do		Mulberry St.	do
3	[24] A L Stewart	do		Canal St	do
4	H & D Cotheal	"		Bleecker st	do
5	Francis Baretto	"		"	"
6	Widow J*e*uhal	"		Mulberry	do
7	J R Livingston	"		Mott St	do
8	do	do		Suffolk	do
9	do	do		Arundel	do
10	R Dickenson	do		Delancy	do
11	J Couzens	do		Suffolk	"
12	W^{m} Cruikshank	Agent		Elm st	"
13	N Weeks	occupant	46	Bowery	Privy
14	T & *G* [J] Beatty	do	34	Chatham	do
15	G Thompson	do		Columbia	do
16	E Parcells	do	79	Hester	do
17	Mrs Edwards	do	51	John	do
18	A Botterel	Owner	115	Mulbery	do
19	James Wilsey	Occup^{t}	119	do	do
20	Thomas Mitchell	"	199	Orange	do
21	S Baldwin	"		Washington	"
22	J Jackson	"		"	"
23	W^{m} Seaman	"	141	"	"
24	Francis Secor	"	147	"	"
25	J Van Nostrand	"	153	"	"

No 26	J Dennenger	Occupt	155 Washington	Privy
27	E Baldwin	"	168 "	"
28	J Byrne	"	58 Elm	do
29	Mrs Lang	"	104 Leonard	do

(Signed) George Cumming, C. I.

[25] The City Inspector to whom was referred a petition that Certain Lots corner of Broome & Mulberry be enclosed within A fence presented the following report.

The City Inspector respectfully States on the petition of Sundry persons to have certain lots on Broome & Mulberry Streets fenced in to prevent dead animals &c being deposited or Cast on the Said Lots that those lots were ordinanced for that purpose: Mr Bayard will comply but as the major part of the Lots belong to the heirs of the late Ralph Thurman & Mr Silvanus Miller who is the *who is the* E[x]ecutor or Agent for the Estate declines co operating in the required fencing in; The City Inspector is not aware that any coercive measures can in this instance be resorted to; at the Same time it is hoped that one of the Ordinances now presented against a Slaughter house will materially contribute to the Correction of the nuisance complained of

George Cumming. C. I.

Whereupon the Ordinance proposed by him was passed

He also presented a Report on the Subject of filling up Amity Lane which was referred [26] to the Attorney to report thereon at the next meeting of the board

The City Inspector presented the following Report on Subject of Sunken lots fronting Laurence St.

The City Inspector respectfully States that he ordinanced certain Sunken lots fronting on the East Side of Laurens St, Mr Livingston Stated that he had sold the Said Lots to Mr. Lovett. & Mr Alfred S Pell, Mr Lovett is filling in his lots; Mr Pell has been ordinanced. but from an Interview had with that gentleman, there is little hope of his complying. and should he be sent to the Attorney the Nuisance will continue therefore as the place requires to be filled in with Earth it is recommended that after the 20th instant when the last Ordinance Shall Expire that measures may be taken to have this nuisance abated by filling in the entire of the Sunken lots with Earth at the public Charge.

Respectfully Submitted

George Cumming. C. I.

Which was approved and the Ordinance presented by him was passed.

[27] An Invitation from the American Academy of Fine Arts to attend the delivery of an oration before the Academy by Gulian C Verplanck Esq^{r} on the 11th instant at one o clock at the City Assembly Room and to attend at the opening of the Exhibition on the 12th instant at the Hall of the Academy was presented and resolved that the Same be accepted

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a letter received from a number of the Inhabitants of the town of New Castle in the State of Delaware enclosing certain Resolutions of a meeting of the Inhabitants of Said town Soliciting Pecuniary aid for the relief of the Sufferers by a late dreadful Conflagration in said town by which property to the Amount of $10000 has been destroyed and twenty three families reduced to distress & indigence, the Same having been read it was resolved that it be referred to his Honor the Mayor with a request that he would Communicate the Same to the Citizens and at the Same time inform them *them* that himself & the Recorder will receive Such donations as the Citizens may be inclined to give for this benevolent purpose & Will transmit the Same to the Committee of the Inhabitants of New Castle,

[28] A Letter was received from Mr Causici informing the Board that the Model of the Equestrian Statue of Genl Washington will be compleated next Monday week and also informing the Board that in consequence of his necessary absence at Washington that Mr Persico an Italian artist who had assisted him in finishing the Model was authorised with himself to carry into effect any proposition relative to Said Model Whereupon it was resolved that the Common Council will on Monday next view the Said Model

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a certified Copy of the Act of the Legislature entitled an Act to define the 19th Section of an act Entitled an Act for the Assessment and Collection of taxes passed 23^{d} of April 1823 " Which was directed to be filed

The following communication from Alderman Seymour Mr St John & Mr Cowdrey (who in pursuance of the invitation of the trustees of the African Free School to the Board) had visited that Institution was presented [29] read & the Resolution adopted.

Viz^{t}

The Undersigned having attended an examination of the children of the African Free School on the 7th instant pursuant to the invitation of the Trustees of that institution to the Common Council beg leave to State, that the Exercises consisted of Exhibitions in Spelling, reading, writing, Arithmetic Grammar Georgraphy & Elocution and of Needle Work in addition to these on the part of the Females. The answers of Both Boys and Girls to the questions in the important and useful branches of Simple & Compound arithmetic of Grammar & of general & local Geography especially that of our own Country were prompt & Satisfactory

The performances in writing were neat and in many instances highly Ornamental the behaviour of the Children was creditable to them and their teachers, The whole together furnished a clear and Striking proof of the value of the Monitorial System of Education and of the Public Spirit & useful labours of those of our fellow Citizens who by their Zeal and perseverance & for no other reward than the pleasure of doing good have been able to produce such Specimens of improvement in the hitherto neglected and despised descendants of Africa

[30] Indeed if any additional evidence were wanting in favour of the Superiour and commanding Excellence of this System it is to be found in this Institution where the poor children of Colour of our City are rescued from the complicated Evils that belong to their Situation & placed in a course of mental and religious improvement that enables them to look forward to the time when though their instrumentality in part the degradation that belongs to their Colour and their name shall be wiped off & Ethiopia shall Stretch forth her hands unshackled by Slavery and unstained by the pollutions of Ignorance and Idolatry.

The undersigned were gratified also to Observe a very numerous and respectable Assemblage of Spectators who appeared to take a deep interest in the Evident Success and prosperity of this Institution. The Undersigned are constrained by a sense of public duty to recommend that a suitable notice be taken of this very useful Institution being satisfied that such would be the wish of Every member of this Board who should witness the Successful performances of the Scholars under their care.

They have therefore prepared the following [31] resolution which they respectfully Submit to the Consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that the trustees & teachers of the African Free School Society are entitled to the gratitude of this City for their laudable exertions in educating that portion of the poor children of Colour of our City under their care and where proficiency and exemplary deportment as represented to this Board are the highest Evidence of public Spirit and talents of the trustees and teachers of that Society.

Respectfully Submitted

T. Seymour
(Signed) Samuel St John
Samuel Cowdrey.

The Committee on Applications for office presented the following on Subject of removing Samuel Jones Inspector of Manure

Whereas it has been represented to the Committee on Applications for office from good authority that Samuel Jones one of the Inspectors of Manure is in the daily habits of intoxication So as to render him entirely incompetent to perform the duties of the office and as we have good reason to believe the [32] above representations to be true and your Committee also deeming it necessary to Supply the vacancy which Such removal would produce beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved, that Samuel Jones be and is hereby removed from the Office of Inspector of Manure

Resolved that Joseph Dally be and is hereby appointed to the Office of Inspector of Manure to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Samuel Jones

T. Seymour
(Signed) Jameson Cox
George S Doughty

The first Resolution was agreed to and he was removed from office accordingly

Mr Cowdrey then moved as a Substitute for the Second resolution that Samuel Loyd be appointed in place of Samuel Jones removed A Motion was then made that the board proceed to Ballot for a person to fill the Vacancy which was agreed to when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that Joseph Dally had a majority of the Votes and he was appointed accordingly.

Ald Munson presented A Resolution that [33] the Board now proceed to appoint Inspectors for the Election to take place on the last Monday of the present month under the Law Entitled An Act to alter the Organisation of the Common Council of the City of New York passed 3^d April 1824. Which was agreed to & the following persons were appointed Inspectors in the several Wards

1st Ward
Jeromus Johnson
Henry Cotheal
John Greenfield

2nd Ward
Abraham Cargill
John Leonard
Gilbert Rowe

3d Ward
Nathaniel C Griffith
Francis N Many
Abraham La Foy

4th Ward
Abraham Bloodgood
William Seaman
Lewis Seymour

5th Ward
John B Schmelzel
John Johnson
Robert M Russell

6th Ward
William Alburtis
Andrew Surrey
Richard Kingsland

7th Ward
Abraham Dally
William S Coe
Henry S Brookes

8th Ward
John Morss
Stewart F Randolph
Jacob Aimes

9th Ward
Thomas Morris
Oliver Hibbard
William A Davis

10th Ward
David Seaman
Elijah Whipple
James Palmer

[34] Ald Parker presented a Resolution respecting the necessity of placing additional Lamps in Howard & Anthony Street in the 6th ward which was referred to the Lamp Commee

Ald Parker also presented the following Resolution

Whereas by the Charter of the City it is made the duty of the Common Council in Every year forever hereafter to name & appoint one fit person to be treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the Year Ensuing

And Whereas that appointment has not been made for the last two or three years past

And Whereas doubts do exist as to the validity of the bond given by the person now acting as treasurer or Chamberlain of this City without appointment

Therefore Resolved that this Common Council now proceed to appoint or Elect a treasurer or Chamberlain for the Ensuing Year.

A Motion was made to postpone the consideration thereof. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Parker the [35] Members voted as follows

Affirmative Ald King Ireland Zabriskie Taylor Messrs Bolton St John Hone Burtsell Connover Woodruff 10

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Seymour Parker Mann Doughty Munson Mr Cowdrey Sherman Cox Ostrander 10

The Board being equally divided His Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Affirmative So the Consideration of the Resolution was postponed until the next meeting of the board

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution referring to Committee to enquire whether the City Inspector ought not to be relieved from receiving Reports of the importation of Wood Grain &c Which was referred to the Finance Committee

Upon a Resolution presented by Ald King it was Resolved that the Attorney be authorised to retain Counsel to aid him in the trial of the Cases of the Mayor &c Versus Richard Slack & of the Mayor &c Versus Henry Spicer

Ald King presented a Resolution prohibiting the Erection of Booths in any of the public [36] Places of the City of New York for the Sale of liquor or other Refreshment on day of Public rejoicing which was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

The Comptroller presented the followg Cash Account.

Balance as per Account 20 April	204.96
Recd for taxes 1823 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 wards	24860.
" Streets	5747.85
" Arrears of taxes	1000.
" Justices Courts	730.79
" Wells & Pumps	422.77
" County Contingencies	10.12
	$32.916.49

86 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	$813.75
Hibberd & Clarke do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d "	645.75
J Morton Clk Com Council 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	362.50
B Skaats Keeper of City Hall Salary 24th of February to 1st instant	73.33
J Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Qr 1 inst	50.
Obadiah Ayres Assistant City Inspector 1 mo 1st inst	45.50
Astin & Higbee Messengers " "	52.
[37] Andrew McCready Keeper of Park 1 mo. 1 inst	30.14
Chas Gilman " Battery " "	30.
Wm Schureman Keepr Potters field 1 mo 1 inst	55.
O Jacques St Inspr 1 ward 1 m 1 inst	30.
P Wright " 2 " "	30.
T Jeroleman " 3 " "	30.
N. B. Lyon " 4 " "	30.
A Ackerman " 5 " "	30.
W Kerr " 6 " "	30.
B Fuller " 7 " "	30.
S Hutchings " 8 " "	30.
D Hubbard " 9 & 10 " "	30.

B Skaats Expenses of Corp^{n} on 24 feb to 1 may	$209.19
B Skaats for sundry articles for Corp^{n} ordered 26 ap	144.50
M Ulshoeffer Counsel Drawing law Costs of suit &c	75.43
James Bleecker Auction fees on Docks & Slips Street Manure & market Stands	35.
Joseph Leonard furnishing lists of passengers	50.
O Ayres Assist City Insp^{r} removing nuisances 1 Q^{r}	18.79
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 month 1 inst	64.42
John Bremner do Catharine “ “	56.
Peter Ammerman do 6 markets “ “	51.25
George DurYea “ Fulton “ “	41.67
Richard Smith “ Franklin “ “	37.50
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton “ “	38.59
P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Q^{r} 1st inst	514.
John Tiebout Stationary 6 mo 1st may	203.37
[38] Proprietors of Patriot advertising Law for licenses of Grocers	8.50
Benjamin Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 mo 1 inst	45.50
J Pinckney do do “ “	45.50
G Snethen Lighting Lamps	596.11
Robert Provoost repairing lamps	116.49
Daniel Biggs Work at lamps	66.46
Harmanus Tallman Coroner fees 1 Q^{r} 1 may	379.62
J Hammond Justice 1, 2, 3^{d} Wards 1 Q^{r} 1 inst	400.
E Morrill “ 4, 6 “ “ “	400.
H Meigs “ 5 8 “ “ “	400.
H. Scovill “ 7. 10 “ “ “	400.
D. M Cowdrey Clerk 1, 2, 3. “ “ “	187.50
George Betts “ 4, 6, “ “ “	187.50
J Campbell “ 5 8 “ “ “	187.50
W^{m} H Smith “ 7. 10 “ “ “	187.50
W^{m} Sherwood room for Court 1. 2. 3 Wards	35.
Samuel Downing do 7, 10 “	25.
Abraham Leggett Sup^{g} Work mud machine to 9 inst	127.87
N Holmes Sundries for do	26.25
George Buckmaster repairs “ do “	23.41
P H Wendover Sheriff Officers attending Courts 1 Q 1 may	1196.25
P H Wendover do deputies conveying prisoners to Penitent^{ry}	23.
S Montgomery Officers Serving Subpoenas	166.87
Richard Hatfield do to pay Witnesses 1 Q^{r}	31.50
Richard Hatfield Clerk 1 Q^{r} Salary	375.
B Skaats Crier of Court 12 feb to 3 may	45.
[39] G Tucker act. Extending Maiden lane Sewer	1000.
J Pinkerton act reg^{g} & paving Maiden lane	1000.
G Tucker act. building Sewer in Thompson St	550.
H Cochran bal reg. & pav. Stanton fr Ludlow to Willett st	511.01
T Cumming Act do “ Herring from Carmine to Christopher st	420.
T Price act Cisterns in Rose st	350.
C Mooney act Crosswalks 5th Ward	300.
A Smith laying Cross Walks 4th Ward	180.

S Fargay act. reg. & pav. Pearl Str at Burling Slip	$130.
J Pinkerton do " " South fr Dover to Roosevelt St	120.
H Smith do " " Washington fr Watts to Charlton st	100.
S Fargay " fr Carlisle to Beaver lane	100.
T Cumming " " Bedford fr Burton to Christopher	100.
A H Mooney Balance reg & pavg Thompson	44.46
T Cumming reg & pav Washington fr Watts to Charlton	10.58
John M Demarest Prin & Int^t Canal St Sewer	45.43
W^m Honay do do	26.02
John Holloway do do	13.10
John Sandford do do	9.01
Edward Doughty Surveys 1 Q^r 1 April	173.25
M DeCamp Corp^n Assessmt Cistern Rose st & Cross Walks 5th ward	3.41
Benjamin Brower 572 tons stone at Battery	250.25
Isaac Lucas Act. Carpenters work fever Hospital	1000.
Lindley Murray treas^r City Dispensary for vaccine departmen[t] 1 Year	600.
Arthur Burtis Sup^t Alms House	5000.
[40] Mechanics Bank Bond 29 octo. 1823 $10300 & int	10,523.
	$32.856.45
Balance	$60.04

[41] Special Meeting In Common Council May 20 1824

Present The Hon'ble W^m Paulding Jun^r Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
W^m H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Thomas T Woodruff
	Gideon Ostrander

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with

Two Memorials were presented from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of the proposed improvement and including all who would be Assessed for the Same Stating that the Merchants Exchange Company had purchased a Lot on Wall Street to Erect a Spacious Building as an Exchange [42] for the accommodation of Merchants & others, that to render the Same ornamental & useful it will be requisite to open Certain Streets to the Said Lot they therefore request that Garden Street be extended through Lot N^o 30 William St to a point in the rear of the lot owned by the Ocean Insurance Company N^o 45 Wall Street Also to Extend Sloat lane to the Same point

A Covenant under the Seal of the Merchants Exchange Company Signed by President & Countersigned by the Secretary was also presented. The Covenant Guarantees & saves from Loss the Corporation from all Expenses & Costs which may arise upon the Contemplated Improvement & Covenants to pay all Sums which may be assessed upon the Corporation therefor

The Subject having undergone Some discussion was referred to the Street Committee with full powers to direct the Attorney to prepare a Petition to the Supreme Court for the appoint^t of Comm^{rs} of Estimate & Assessment & the Mayor was requested to authenticate the petition in the recess of the Board.

W^m Alburtis & Richards Kingsland having resigned their appointment of Inspectors [43] of Election of the 6th Ward their resignations Were accepted & Robert McQueen & Abraham R Laurence were appointed in their place

Ald. Taylor Stating that Mr Stuart F Randolph declined acting as an Inspector of the 8th Ward for the Ensuing Election his resignation was accepted & Samuel M Thompson was appointed in his place

Board adjourned.

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[45] In Common Council May 24th 1824.

Present. The Hon'ble W^m Paulding Jun^r Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^r Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elish W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	W^m Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regular & Special meetings were read & approved

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Washington Street Complaining of a Nuisance Existing in Said Street between Barclay & Robinson

Street in Consequence of Proprietors of Cows feeding them and milking them on the Streets was read & referred [46] to the Law Committee to consider & report if a Law is necessary on the Subject

A Petition of Valentine Mott & others was received Stating that John Vanderlyn has assigned to them the lease of the lot held from the Corporation upon which the Rotunda is built to hold the Same as trustees for the persons who advanced said Vanderlyn the monies to erect the Same that Considerable Sums are due on the same That a number of Gentleman who have associated themselves under the title of the Philharmonic Society have offered terms for said Lease which the Petitioners would accept. they therefore request that they be permitted to assign said Lease to said Society & that the term may be extended 15 Years from the 1st of May 1826 at which term the present lease will Expire, the Same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants proposing that an open place at the junction of Grand & Harman St. be established which they consider would be ornamental & useful to the City [47] having been read was referred to the Street Comee

A Remonstrance of Owners & Lessees on Columbia St. against the proposed intention of widening said Street was read & referred to the Street Commee

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie to be appointed Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Ephraim Clark for office of Assistant City Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petetion of Robert Sneden for office of Inspr of Manure was referred to the same Commee

A Petition of George D Strong & James Ballagh, Contractors of St Manure of 3d District for Appointment of two additional Inspectors of manure was referred to Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Wm F Baker & others owners of Water Lots between Catharine Slip & Market St. stating they are desirous of filling & improving the Same but that Other Owners refuse joining with them & praying that Corporation will direct Such Owners [48] to perform the Same or that Corporation will unite with Petitioners which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Benjamin Westervelt & others Inspectors of Lime Complaining that the business of Inspection is engrossed by a few Individuals & praying that an arrangement may be made So as to divide the business equally among the Inspectors was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Thomas Dinsmore for office of Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A Petition of Hosea Dodge for office of Insp^{r} of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Duncan P Campbell Stating that he is Lessee for Life of three Water lots between Catharine & Georges Slip fronting on Water Streets & he has been directed by Ordinance to fill up the Said Lotts but being only Tenant for Life he cannot raise [49] money on them & he wishes to forfeit the Lease he now holds & to take out a new Grant in fee which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Canal St. between Hudson & Varick Streets was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 5th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Edward Hitchcock late Contractor of Street Manure in the 1st & 2nd Districts praying a remission of all fines heretofore incurred by him was read & referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for further time for digging out & regulating Henry St from Gouverneur to Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of W^{m} Cornell for liberty to remove a Building from Essex to Rhynder St. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 10th Ward with Powers

A Petition of Aaron Drake Jun^{r} to be permitted to remove a frame building from 107 Chamber St. [50] to Lot No 1096 Bayards farm was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 3^{d} & 8th Wards with Powers.

A Petition of Mary Richardson praying remuneration for losses Sustained by her in Consequence of default of title in a lot of ground purchased from the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Johnston Inspector of Firewood remonstrating against being removed from Office was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Pet that 114th Street may be opened from the 3^{d} Avenue to Harlaem river was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition from Owners of Lots in Elizabeth Street praying that the Same may be filled in & regulated from Bleecker to Prince Street was referred to the Street Comm^{ee}

A Remonstrance of the Corporation of trinity Church against continuing Grand Street to Canal St. was read & referred to the Street Committee

[51] Two Memorials of a number of Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Orange & Broome Streets praying that Pump & Well N° 8 may not be filled up as it is of Excellent water & affording a copious Supply were read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward

A Remonstrance of Caleb Crane an Inspector of Lime against the Petition presented this Evening from Several Inspectors of Lime praying that the business may be divided Equally among the Inspectors was read & referred to the Comee on Public Offices

A Further Petition of Rosewell Saltonstall on Subject of an Improvement by him in Mechanics was presented & leave given to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of Robert Bogardus & others Owners of & occuppants of Real Estate in & near Roosevelt Slip Stating they have perceived with pleasure the intention of the Corporation to Erect a Pier between Roosevelt & James Slip or in the latter Slip but they would Suggest that instead of Constructing a Pier to run in a Straight line between James & Roosevelt Slip the Said Pier Should Commence at the Easterly corner of South [52] & Roosevelt Street & run from thence Southerly at right angles to first line into the East river to the length prescribed by Law

A Remonstrance against the above Petition & praying the Corporation to pursue the Plan already adopted was also presented & both were referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Henry Pratt for permission to occupy So much of the West side of the East Pier of Fulton Slip commonly called Crane Wharf as Shall be sufficient to contain Wood for the Use of a Steam boat was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of the Gas light Company for permission to open a drain for Water from the Corner of Hester & Rhynder Street to Canal Street was presented & Referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition of A Labagh to have a nuisance corrected was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Sundry Freeholders that 12th [53] Street be opened from Broadway to Greenwich lane or 8th Avenue was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Several Freeholders praying that the Westerly line of William St between Liberty Street & Maiden lane may be altered so that the Boundary may be in a Straight line Extending the width of William Street on the West Side at its Junction with Maiden lane two feet and Contracting it on the Same Side one foot at its Junction with Liberty St. was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Josep Dean for permission to remove a Frame house through the Street from Canal St to Watts St between Varick & Hudson St. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 5th & 8th Wards with powers

A Petition of Ab Terhune for relief from Personal tax accompanied by a certificate of [54] the Ward of a mistake having been made in his Assessment, was presented and referred to the Committee on Assessments with powers

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Limberger presented the following

The Finance Committee Respectfully Report that Some considerable time ago they made a Settlement with Mr Crolius who was Security to a Small amount on a few Bonds of J G Betts late a Collector of Assessments,

That Mr Limberger who is Security on the greater part of the Bonds has frequently applied to the Board and to Your Committee to Obtain a Settlement also but that Your Committee did not think it Expedient to agree to his terms

Under All the Circumstances however Your Committee now think that they will be able to make terms with Mr Limberger and they accordingly ask the Authority of the Board in the premises

They therefore Submit the following resolution

[55] Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorised to Settle on Such terms with Mr Limberger as they may deem advisable

Reuben Munson
Wm H. Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

Which was adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of James Lowerre presented the following report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Lowerre praying to be relieved from the Assessment for paving Washington Street

Respectfully Report

That Mr Lowerre holds the property in respect to which he is assessed by Lease from the Corporation and that he is bound by the Said lease to pay the Said Assessment. They Cannot See any reason for releiving Mr Lowerre which would not be equally applicable to Every Lessee of the Corporation and as Mr Lowerre does not alledge that he was in any wise deceived or mistaken [56] as to the terms of his Lease at the time of Signing it The Committee are of opinion that his petition ought to be rejected They therefore Submit the following resolution

Resolved That the petition of James Lowerre praying to be relieved from the Assessment for paving Washington Street be rejected

(Signed)
Reuben Munson
W^m^ H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
William Burtsell

Which was adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of W^m^ Kemble & others remonstrating against opening West St reported against the petitioner as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that they may be permitted to continue to incumber West Street between Harrison & Hubert Streets or a part thereof with Lumber and other Articles

Report

That in their opinion that [57] *in their opnion that* part of West Street is required as a public Street or Highway for the use of the Inhabitants of this City & ought to be kept free & unincumbered & accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Gulian Ludlow & Thomas W Ludlow proposing an Exchange of Property on the line of the Minetto Brook reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Gulian & Thomas W Ludlow for an exchange of property with the

Corporation on the line of the Minetto brook and Westerly Side of the Pottersfield Report,

that they have had the Subject under their deliberate Consideration and are [58] of the opinion that Such an arrangement Would be mutually advantageous as it will render all the Lots bounded by 4th 5th & 6th Streets at right angles as by the Inspection of a Map thereof herewith presented will appear—Your Committee would therefore recommend that such Exchange be acceded to and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that an Exchange of property on the Minetto Brook be made with Gulian Ludlow and Thomas W Ludlow & that the Attorney to this Board prepare the necessary conveyances accordingly

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Wooster Street from Grand to Broome St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of [59] Lots on Wooster Street praying that that Street may be paved from Grand to Broome St.

Report,

that they have viewed the premises and are of opinion that Wooster Street ought to be paved from Canal Street to Broome St. in Order that the Nuisance Complained of may be Effectually remedied & accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Wooster Street be paved from Canal Street to Broome St.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Samuel St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Watch Committee on the petition for an additional Watchman at the Intersection of Grand & Division Streets presented the following Report.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition from a number of Citizens of tenth ward praying for an additional Watchman in that ward—have [60] had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that an additional Watch post is necessary in that Ward They therefore offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that an additional watch post be placed in the tenth Ward

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council give the Captains of the Second district a copy of the Above resolution

Asa Mann
(Signed) T. Seymour
George Zabriskie
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee consisting of the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward to whom [was presented] the petition for a Well and Pump between Pike & Market Street reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons for a Well and Pump in Henry Street between Market & Pike Street

Report,

that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted [61] and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Asa Mann
(Signed) Jameson Cox
R Graves St. Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for office presented the following report in relation to an appointment of Assistant City Inspector in place of Wm J Waldron which was laid on the table for the present to be called up when the ordinary business was gone through

The Committee on Public Offices presented a report on the petitions of Sundry persons for Offices which was read and laid for consideration

The Road Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Bayard relative to opening 7th Avenue & 15th 16th & 17th Streets reported against the petition as follows

The Road Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of William [62] Bayard praying that 15th 16th & 17th Streets and the

7th Avenue may be opened at least through his grounds in the 9th Ward & also that the Corporation accept a Cession of Said Streets and Avenue and exempt him or the owners of Lots on them from the payment of any Assessments for opening the Same

Report.

That as to opening the Streets in question Mr Bayard can open them through his grounds without the permission or Sanction of this *Bayard* [Board], But. his Object appears to be to cede them to the Corporation and thereby exonerate himself and those to whom he may sell, from all assessments that may be laid upon the property when the Streets Shall be opened and extended across the Island to their termination

Avenues & Streets are usually opened by Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court over whom this Board has no controul and who are bound to assess all property according as they Shall deem it to be benefitted extending one half of the block each way from the Street opened

The plot of Ground through which [63] Mr Bayard is desirous of opening the Streets & Avenue is bounded by Southampton & Fitsroy roads and 17th Street. In 15th 16th Streets there are Several buildings—Some of them valuable which must be removed and paid for when the Streets are opened as laid down on the map.

The Expense attending it will be very considerable a part of Which must fall on the property of the petitioner and in the Event of his proposition being acceded to would have to be paid out of the City Treasury

You[r] Committee cannot conceive that any Citizen can ask either in Courtesy or right to be exempted from the just assessments which necessarily accrue from the opening of Streets without a fair Equivalent be given therefor and dear bought Experience has taught us the folly of Considering the Conveyance of Streets as a Sufficient indemnity against Assessments for opening them It is only necessary for your Committee to refer to two cases for an illustration of the latter remark in one of Which the Corporation had to pay out of the City Treasury $700. & in the Other $3000 and these two cases are exact Similes of the One under Consideration. But your Committee have some [64] doubt whether under any circumstances this Board would be justified in assuming the payment of Assessments which are prospective They therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to accept from Mr Bayard a Cession of the Streets mentioned in his petition on the terms & Conditions proposed therein

Respectfully Submitted

Geo S. Doughty
(Signed) A Sherman
Shivers Parker
E W King

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Lands & Places presented the following report on the Subject of the City Burial ground

The Committee on Public Lands & Places respectfully represent that they have purchased materials for making a fence around the City Burial Ground to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars and upwards That Some progress has been made in the work and Several hundred dollars have been expended on that amount They have therefore instructed their [65] Chairman to request that a Warrant may be passed in favor of Arthur Burtis their treasurer for $2000

Samuel St John
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander

Whereupon a Warrant was directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine N° 6

Abraham Delamater Cabinet maker 45 Robinson
vice Solomon Smith Resigned

N° 12

Peter Rogers Watch maker 7 Orange St.
vice Edward Wade Resigned.

N° 13

Peter H Simmons Merchant 269 Water St.
vice Frederick Kinsamuel Resigned

N° 15

Benjamin M Toulose Upholsterer 104 Harman St
vice W^m^ Hatfield Out of town

[66] N° 17

David Crowel Mason 17 Hester St.
vice Robert C Carpenter Resigned
William H Price Ship Joiner 364 Water St
vice Edward Riker Resigned

N° 33.

Joab Miller Carpenter 371 Cherry St
vice Daniel S Robinson resigned
Joseph W Rice Painter 26 Broome St.
vice W^{m} Labateaux resigned

N° 37.

John B Hawkins Carpenter Grand St vice Henry Watson res^{d}
W^{m} H Bangs Carpenter Grand St vice John Watson res^{d}

N° 39.

John Leonard—Hatter 80 Vesey St vice Charles W Therriot res^{d}
Christopher Griffing Silver Smith 40 Chapel St
vice Philip H Branson resig^{d}

[67] The Attorney to whom was referred the Report of the City Inspector respecting Amity lane, presented the following.

The Attorney to whom was referred A Report of the City Inspector respecting Amity lane

Respectfully Reports

that if there is no pressing necessity to the Contrary he should advise that the Lots forming what is called Amity lane be left as they now are That if the Same are filled in at the Expense of the Board they will have to incur the risk of being able to Sell the lots—That the lane in question may be considered private, altho' there is some doubt on that head, inasmuch as the original proprietors intended it as public but it does not Seem to have been used as a public road

If however there is an absolute necessity that the public Authorities Should assume the Responsibility in the premises the Attorney thinks that the Course proposed by the City Inspector is the proper one But in such case the Ordinance Should be for filling in the lots forming what was heretofore known as Amity lane and Should particularly describe their Situation & Contents So that they might be sold [68] according to Law

All Which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Which was adopted.

The Attorney presented the following report accompanying the lease to Daniel E Dunscomb for Lots N° 106, 111, 112, 117 Known as Hamilton Square lots

The Attorney herewith Respectfully Reports for Execution a Lease to Daniel E Dunscomb of the Common lands lots N^{os} 106, 111, 112, 117 Which are usually known as Hamilton Square, for Nine Years from the first day of May instant at the rent of one hundred and ten dollars per annum Excepting out of lot N° 117 the property of St James Church this lease is prepared under the direction of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following report with a Lease to Jacob T Walden for lot N° 183 Com lands.

[69] The Attorney herewith Respectfully Reports for Execution a lease to Jacob T Walden for Lot Number One hundred and Eighty three of the Common lands for Nine Years from the first day of May instant at the rent of $15 per annum This Lease has been made out under the direction of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the lease was directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed

Viz^{t} for a Well and Pump in Henry St between Market & Pike St and Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally & Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors

Also an Ordinance for paving Wooster Street from Canal to Broome St which was passed & Isaac Kip John Brower & Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Also an Ordinance for paving North Moore St from Washington to West St. and Isaac Kip John Salisbury & Francis Peckwell were app^{d} Assesors

The City Inspector presented the [70] following Ordinances for correction of nuisances

The City Inspector Respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances

N^o 1.	Heirs of Stuyvesant	Owners	Arundel St	A Lot.
2	J *T* [F] Delaplaine	“	Broome	“
3	W^m Rodie	“	Chrystie	“
4	Gen Clarkson	“	Essex	“
5	J Ireland	“	do	“
6	J F M Sidell	“	Grand	“
7	J Rohr	“	Greenwich	“
8	A Wynkoop	“	North	“
9	W Russell	“	Raisin	“
10	D Kinsman	“	do	“
11	W Todd	“	do	“
12	D Lane	“	do	“
13	C Westervelt	“	do	“
14	B Westervelt	“	do	“
15	A H Lawrence	“	do	“
16	Mr Jones	“	do	“
17	W^m Van*cant*[wart]	“	do	“
18	C Lewis	“	do	“
19	J Shute	“	do	“
20	W Todd	“	do	“
21	Estate of J Rich	“	do	“
22	J Ledecker	“	Grand	“
23	E Clark	“	Stanton	“
24	[71] W Montgomery	“	do	“
25	A H Lawrence	“	Sullivan	“
26	P Ogilvie	“	Willett	“
27	J W Higgins	Occupant	63 Courtlandt	Privy
28	E Sinclair	“	63 Greenwich	“
29	C Frazer	“	69 John	“
30	J M^{c}Kenelly	“	71 do	“
31	R G Hardie	“	14 New St	“
32	Widow Oliver	“	135 Reed	“
33	Widow Burger	“	86 Water	“
34	J M J Mouray	“	1 Franklin	“
35	B Cooper	“	3 do	“
36	L Wooster	“	5 do	“
37	George C Coffin	“	7 do	“
38	D^r Hunter	Owner	Hudson	Lot.

George Cumming C. I.

Which were passed

A Report from the Committee of the Grand Jury who had visited the Lunatics Apartment attached to the Alms House was presented & read It Stated that they found them totally insufficient for the Safe Keeping of Sane persons much less of lunatics and as it respects the murder of Ford by Tompkins they think it would have been prevented if proper apartments had been provided they attach no blame [72] to the Keepers as they Exercise all the means in their powers, They State also an insufficiency of rooms for the female Lunatics, The Report being read was referred to the Comm^{rs} of the Alms House

His Honor the Mayor Stated that the Merchants Exchange Company having found it necessary to make some alterations in the plan proposed by them at the last meeting respecting the Extension of Garden St & Sloat lane and to guarantee & Save harmless the Corporation against all Expenses which might arise therefrom a Covenant had been executed on the part of the Said Company on the 20th of May 1824 In Consequence therefore of Said Alterations they had thought it expedient to recognise & admit Such Alterations to have been made with their Consent & to that Effect had on the 21st & 24th day of May declared Such assent & recognition under their Corporate Seal His Honor the Mayor presented the Same to the Board and it was directed to be filed.

A Letter from Mr Persico the associate of [73] Mr Causici, inviting the Common Council to view the Model of the Equestrian Statue of General Washington executed by Mr Causici was read & accepted for Wednesday next at 4 O.Clock.

M^{r} St John presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller be requested to advertise for proposals to lease Castle Clinton for a term not Exceeding Five years from the first of May instant under the direction of the Committee on Lands & Places.

It having been represented that the Police Magistrates were desirous of Sending a Messenger to Philadelphia for the Purpose of bringing to this City a person who had been guilty of Homicide—But that they had no funds at their disposal to bear the Expense of Such messenger

It was resolved that the Subject be referred to the Police Committee with Powers to authorise the Police Magistrates to despatch a Messenger for that Purpose and that this Board will in the first instance provide for the Expense that may be incurred and that Application will be hereafter made to the Court of Exchequer for Reimbursement

The Report of the Committee on Applications for office [74] on the Subject of appointing a person to fill the office of Assistant City Inspector was called up and read in the Words following

The Committee on Applications for office beg leave to Report

That for the Office of Assistant City Inspector vacated by the Resignation W^m^ J Waldron the following Petitions have been received by this Board and referred to Your Committee

Viz^t^ that of Isaac Loofborough, Josiah Shippey, Samuel Hutchins, Isaac A Isaacs, Joseph S Simpson, W^m^ A Hardenbrook, John White Jun^r^, W^m^ Messerve Sen^r^, Andrew Seymour, James Ackerman— Thomas Roome & Christian Brown And the following persons have applied more directly to the Committee Ezra Frost John M. *Tought* [Towt] Henry Mead Isaac Emmons John Coffin James Heath & Willet Coles. but Your Committee feeling a delicacy and difficulty in Selecting, One from So large a number of Respectable Petitioners beg leave to Submit the whole list of Applicants back to the Board together with the following Resolution

Resolved that this Board go into the [75] appointment of an Assistant City Inspector to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William J Waldron

(Signed) T Seymour
Jameson Cox

The board accordingly Proceeded to ballot for a Person when after Several Ballotings it appeared on the last Balloting that John Coffin had Eleven Votes which being a majority of the members present he was declared duly elected to Said Office.

Mr Burtsell moved that the Board now go into the appointment of a Chamberlain or City treasurer which was agreed to His Honor the Mayor requested he might be excused from voting on this occasion which was agreed to The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the office of City Treasurer or Chamberlain when on Counting the Ballots it appeared that there were 11 Ballots for John Fleming & 10 ballots for Geo A Worth but as there were but 20 members who had voted the Balloting was declared irregular & was set aside

A motion was then made to adjourn which was negatived The Board then again proceeded to Ballot when on Counting the Ballots it appeared that there were 10 for John Fleming and 10 for George A Worth there being an Equal number [76] of Votes for each there was of course no choice made

A Motion was then made that the Board adjourn which was carried in the affirmative & the Board was accordingly adjourned until this day fortnight at 4 o clock p. m.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance as per last Account 10th inst	$60.04
Received for tavern & Excise licenses	19058.61
" Tax of 1823 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10th Wards	18200.
" Ferries	1875.
" Police office fees	914.70
" Justices Courts	635.47
" Intelligence Offices	25.
	$40768.82

54 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st district	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd "	645.75
Bleakly & Brower do 3d "	645.75
Wm Paulding Junr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26 april	750.
G. N. Bleecker Comptr 1 Q do 15 "	400.
J P Roome Supt Repairs " do 14 "	250.
Talman J Waters Clerk Comptrs offic[e] " 24th "	200.
Thomas Franklin Chief Engineer " "	125.
Joseph Waldron 24 trees round Park	48.
[77] Christian Brown Binding Recognisances &c	4.
Haydock & Jenkins 13 Casks of Oil	477.05
Nathan Comstock 21 do " do "	343.17
H Maxwell district Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 inst	625.
Samuel Stillwell Rent of ground for Engine House 15 Chrystie St	40.
Abraham Knapp room for Court 4 & 6th Wards 1 Qr 1 inst	25.
James Hopson Special Justice 1 Q Salay 12 inst	400.
Henry Abell do do " "	400.
Smith Ovutt do do " "	400.
S LHommedieu Clerk Police do " "	312.50
R Stephens assistant do " " "	250.
Abraham Leggett Supg work mud machine 23 inst	139.
George B Thorp Keeper C. Prison & 2 deputies 1 Qr	450.
John S Howe Physician do 1 Qr Salary 1st inst	75.
Abijah Hammond Princl & Intt Canal st Sewer	1504.97
John Degroot do do	58.52
John Bradshaw do do	45.67
Solomon Scudder Administrator Estate of John Scudder do do	41.73
John Pye do do	39.30
Abraham Tanner do do	32.78
Andrew Hatfield do do	29.28
Howard & Kyle do do	26.10
A M Bogert do do	26.10
Garrit Heyer do do	19.47
F Mallaby do do	13.03
John flack do do	12.93
Allen Frost do do	8.02

[78] James Pinckerton Ac't regg & pavg Maiden Lane	500.
Thompson Price act Cisterns in Rose St	300.
Abisha Smith bal Cross walks 4th ward	128.85
T Cumming ac't regg & pavg Herring St fr Carmine to Christr	100.
S Fargay bal. repavg Pearl St at Burling Slip	77.30
Thompson Price bal Sewer Burling Slip	23.20
R Ayres filling at Fulton St & Washington market	8.30
M De Camp Corpn assessmt Bridge stone across Chatham st	6.61
N Jarvis do do repairing Hudson St C Duane & Anthony	143.33
George Charlton 1st Payment Well in Dey St	41.25
R Graves St Comr Repairs Roads	800.
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs for repairing Piers	471.
J P Roome do " Fire department	300.
J P Roome do " Repairs	275.
J P Roome do " Wells & Pumps	250.
J P Roome do " Alms House deptt	145.
J P Roome do Markets	100.
Mechanics Bank Bond 4 March $27000 intt $360	27360.
	$40707.41
Balance	$61.41

[79] In Common Council June 7th 1824

Present The Hon. William Paulding Junr Mayor President
" " Richard Riker Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
George S Doughty	Thomas T Woodruff
Reuben Munson	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Isaac Loofborrow for office of Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Noah Brown & others that Second St be opened from the Bowery to East River was referred to the Street Committee

[80] A Petition of Claudius Redon for permission to construct an Iron Railing around his house No 68 Warren St was referred to the Street Committee with powers

A Petition of Reuben W Folger for office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of John C & Robert L Stevens for use of the Mud Machine to clear out the Slip for the use of the Hoboken ferry was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Joseph McCabe for relief from fine for Selling liquors without license was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James B Requa Stating that a bond and mortgage given by him to the Corporation was paid and praying that Satisfaction may be entered on the Same was read & Resolved that the Mayor be requested to acknowledge Satisfaction on Said bond & mortgage On being satisfied that the Same was paid

[81]A Petition of John Woodward Stating that he is Lessee of two lots of Common lands that he is desirous of building on the Same he therefore Requests that one of the Lots may be Sold to him in fee, which was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph Leviness for Stall No 17 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John P Smith for office of measurer of Coal was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Elijah Raynor was presented Stating that the Corporation on the 4th of September 1820 Leased to one Josep Place Lot N^{o} 16 at Brooklyn that Said Place underlet the Same to one W^{m} Thomas that the Petitioner Supposing Said Thomas was the legal possessor of Said lot did loan him by way of mortgage \$300 for the purpose of erecting buildings on the Lot that the transfer not having been made with the Consent of the Corporation is Supposed not Binding & Said Place & Thomas are desirous of availing themselves [82] thereof to the wrong and injury of Petitioner & Praying relief which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Andrew Bowden for remission of Fine incurred for obstructing the Side Walks was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Gershon Mills for Some office under the Corporation was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of the Trustees of the Orphan Asylum Stating that a petition had been formerly presented respecting some pecuniary Aid for the Institution from the Corporation and Soliciting that the Corporation would now take the Same into Consideration & grant them Some Aid which was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James H Sims to be appointed Inspector of Building Stones was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of John L Clark for office of Inspector of Manure was referred [83] to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Jonathan Hale for office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Noah Brown and others complaining of a Nuisance at the Corner of Stanton Street & Pitt St. & praying to have the same corrected was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of William Wallace & others against widening William Street from Maiden lane to Liberty Street was referred to the St Comm^{ee}

A Remonstrance of Sundry freeholders near the Junction of Harman & Grand Street against the purchase of a piece of ground for a public Park or Place in that vicinity was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Letter from Doctor A Planton on the Subject of Hawkins new invented Steam Engine without Boilers explaining its principles was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences An invitation from Mr. Planton to the Cor- [84] poration to visit Said Machine was presented & accepted

A Petition of Jacob Manning for relief from Personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of W. B. Windlee for extension of Lease of Lot N^{o} 256 William Street held by George Fulmer, of the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Sidell for the privilege of Assigning Booths around the Park on 4th of July next was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Remonstrance of the Butchers & from a Number of Inhabitants in Vicinity of Washington Market Complaining of that part of Market Law which restrains Agents from Vending Articles in the Markets Stating that since Said Law has gone into operation the Market has been very illy Supplied & is growing daily more deserted & praying a repeal of that part of the Law was read and referred to the Market Committee

[85] Upon motion of M^{r} Bolton the Police Committee were discharged from the further Consideration of the Petitions of Thomas Walton & James H Rowland & they were referred to the Watch Committee

The Superintendant of the Alms House presented the following return of that Institution

Annual Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House Bridewell & Penitentiary of the City of New York Shewing the Number of Paupers who have been admitted into the house from the 1st day of April 1823 Including those at that time in the house to the 1st day of April 1824 and the number discharged from and who died in the house during the Same period Also the number of Paupers now in the house designating their Sex and places of birth The number of Prisoners & Vagrants in the Bridewell & Penitentiary and the Number of Maniacs in the Bloomingdale Asylum at the Expense of the Alms House Also an account of Donations distributed to the out door poor by the Superintendant & Commissioners during the time aforesaid.

Paupers in and admitted in the Alms [House] from the 1st day of April 1823 to the 1st day of April 1824	3275
Do discharged 1433 Died 366 total	1799
Remaining in the house	1476
[86] Men 466, Women 452, Boys 356 Girls 202 total	1476
From City of New York 660 State of New York 97 United States 132 England 102 Scotland 44 Ireland 349 Germany 70 France 7 West Indies 11 Africa 4 Total	1476
Number of Prisoners & Vagrants in Bridewell 1st day of April 1824 Men 82 Women 29 total	111
Prisoners & Vagrants in Penitentiary same, Men & Boys 261 Women 143 total	404
Number of Manaics in Bloomingdale Asylum the 1st day of April 1824 Men 6 Women 38 total	44
Hospital Accounts for Supporting Maniacs at Bloomingdale Asylum the last twelve months	$3209.41
Cash distributed to Out door Poor from the 1st day of April 18[2]3 to the 1st April 1824	$.2522.88
Wood laid in & distributed to Same 1625 loads Cost including Carting Piling &c	3206.14
Potatoes do distributed to Same 4682 Bushels	808.50
total	$6537.52

(Signed) Arthur Burtis Supt

Which was directed to be filed

The following report of the Committee on the Fire department of the Examination of the Engines was presented & ordered to be filed,

The Committee on the Fire department [87] beg leave to report that they together with the Chief Engineer have visited & Inspected Every Engine and Engine house belonging to the Corporation those at Harlaem & Manhattanville Excepted and are happy to Say that with one or two Exceptions they found them in the best possible order

Your Committee believe they may Say without fear of Contradiction that the Fire department of this City is not Surpassed by any other in the United States

Your Committee further Report that they have had Conversations with many of the Foremen and other members attached to Engines on the Impropriety of having Volunteer Boys attached to their Companies Which Your Committee are happy to Say has in Many instances had the Effect of having them dismissed the Companies Seeing the impropriety of Continuing them Many members of the Different Companies admit it as an Evil and the Cause of the very many and frequent false alarms of fire whereby the Members are constantly harrassed and fatigued and the Machines injured in a very great degree

Your Committee are therefore happy [88] that the Evil So much dissapproved of by the Board as well as your Committee who are particularly charged with the Care of the department will very shortly be altogether discontinued

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Jameson Cox
Stephen Conover

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a resolution respecting the City Inspector being relieved from Reporting Wood Coal &c Imported into the City reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom it was referred to enquire whether the City Inspector ought not to be relieved from the recording reports of the importation of Wood grain &c

Respectfully Report

That at present the Measurers Weighmasters & Inspectors appointed by the Common Council are required by Law to keep accurrate accounts of the quantity of the Several articles imported into this City or Exported therefrom and measured Weighed & Inspected by them respectively together [89] With the Market Prices and Places from whence imported & to report the Same in the first Week of Every Month to the City Inspector And the City Inspector is required to record all Such Reports and to make an aggregate report of the Same in February in Every Year.

This Law has been in force for a number of Years and was originally passed on the ground as Stated in the preamble to the Original Law that Correct Estimates of the Various articles of Consumption & Commerce imported into & exported from this City are Objects of useful information and public Utility In this view Your

Committee agree and they believe that Almost Every large City possess Some officer Whose duty it is to record facts of this Nature In this City they Know no Officer to whom it would more properly belong than the City Inspector And they therefore Submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to Alter the Existing Laws relative to the duty of the City Inspector as to recording the reports of the Measurers Weighmasters & Inspectors appointed by the Corporation

(Signed) W^m^ H Ireland
W^m^ Burtsell
Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff

[90] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Charles Rhind reported in his favor as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Rhind praying that the Corporation would receive from him the Borer to recover which a Suit had been brought and would direct Satisfaction to be entered on the judgement obtained against him therefore on his paying all costs and Charges

Respectfully Report,

That Mr Rhind has returned the borer in as good condition as it was when he borrowed it and your Committee therefore think that if Mr Rhind pays the Costs of the Suit he ought to be discharged from the judgement obtained therein

They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board Enter Satisfaction on the Judgement obtained against Charles Rhind on the Said Rhinds paying the Costs of Suit

Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) William H Ireland
W^m^ Burtsell.

[91] Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Report of the Ald & Assistant of the 9th ward to whom had been referred a petition of James Bogert presented the following report.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the annexed report of the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward on the petition of James Bogert representing that Boys & Adults were in the habit of bathing at the foot of his garden and thereby annoying his family by their indecent and improper Conduct *and thereby annoyin his family by their indecent and improper Conduct* and therefore praying that the Common Council would pass an Ordinance prohibiting Said practice within Such distance of any inhabited dwelling house as they might deem proper

Respectfully Report.

That after duly considering the Subject referred to them they are decidedly of opinion that it would be inexpedient to enact the amendment proposed or any ordinance whatever in relation to the Same that although no doubt a Serious annoyance exists in the present instance yet that it would be unwise to prohibit bathing in Waters adjacent to this Island at a place [92] so Remote from the City as Harlaem River And Where dwellings and population are so thinly Scattered bathing is considered not only a pleasant recreation but highly conducive to Health it is obvious therefore that it ought not to be abridged except under such circumstances as rendered Such a measure indispensably necessary the individual who may be subjected to the Evil complained of is not destitute of a legal remedy the indecent exposure of ones person being an indictable offence at Common Law the Committee are unwilling to Enlarge this remedy upon the present occasion they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolutions

Resolved that the Law hereunto Annexed being A Law to amend A Law to prevent disorderly & Evil practices in the City of New York And to prevent animals from running at large ought not to be enacted

Resolved that it is inexpedient to pass any other Ordinance than that now existing prohibiting bathing in the Waters adjacent to the City of New York

George Zabriskie
(Signed) William H Ireland
Shivers Parker

Which was adopted

[93] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom had been referred the Subject of running out a Pier between Roosevelt & James Slip presented the following report.

The Commitee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petitions hereunto annexed Viz One from Sundry persons Owners and occupants of real Estate Situate in the Vicinity of Roosevelt Slip praying that the Pier lately authorised to be built at Roosevelt Slip instead of being built or run out in the Center of Said Slip may be erected at the Easterly Corner of South & Roosevelt Streets & one from Sundry other Inhabitants remonstrating against the prayer of Said petition

Report.

that the Parties respectively appeared before the Committee by whom the Allegations and Statements they had to Submit were heard and after having been duly weighed by your Committee they can discover no just ground for changing the location of the proposed pier but on the Contrary they are of opinion that the public interest will be best Sub-Served by adhering to the location prescribed in the Ordinance directing the Same to be built they therefore recomend the passage of the [94] following resolution

Resolved that the prayer contained in the petition hereunto annexed and Signed by Robert Bogardus Samuel L Mitchell Sylvanus Miller and others ought not to be granted

George Zabriskie
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward on a petition for a well and Pump near 11th Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry inhabitants of Said Ward for a Well & Pump to be located near the intersection of 11th Street & the Bowery.

Report,

That the Petitioners compose a part of a Compact & numerous neighbourhood within the Lamp District and there is not a Public Pump in it Consequently most of the People have to depend for [95] a Supply of Water upon the benevolence of Some few who are So fortunate as to have Pumps on their Premises Your Committee are of opinion that the Convenience and even the necessities of the Inhabitants absolutely require that a Well & Pump Should be located in their vicinity They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that a Well be dug & a Pump placed therein at or near the intersection of 11th street & the Bowery

George S Doughty
(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
R Graves St. Comr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Canal Committee on the Petition of the Gas light Company to open a drain &c reported in their favor as follows

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of the New York Gas light Company for permission to open a drain from their lot on the Corner of Hester & Rhynder Streets to convey water only to the Canal Street Sewer

Respectfully Report.

that they have had the [96] Subject under consideration and from the very Satisfactory Explanation given by Mr Dewey the agent for the New York Gas light Company who States that it is water only they wish to convey to the Sewer and that not in the least offensive that under a full conviction not any thing Injurious would arise from granting the request of the Petitioner

Therefore Resolved

That the Gas light Company have permission to open a drain from their works at the Corner of Hester & Rhynder St. with the Sewer in Canal St under the inspection of the St Commissioner

Thomas J Wooduff
Shivers Parker
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
T. Seymour

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Warden Seventh Ward

John R Le Count Grocer 27 Catharine St
vice David Lyon resigned

[97] Hook & Ladder N° 1

Francis Spicer Cooper 29 Gold Street
vice William Smith time Expired

D° N° 2

John Middleton Fisherman 120 Water St
vice Nicolas Dean resigned

Peter Cochran Cabinet maker Washington St.
vice Elijah Purdy resigned

Henry B Parks Fisherman 27 Chamber St.
vice James F Palmer resigned

Engine N° 2

Alfred Tillotson Shoe maker 89 Chrystie St.
vice Arza M Avery Deceased

N° 4

Hiram Pierson Hatter 80 Vesey St.
vice Joseph N Varick resigned

N° 15

Jeremiah F Craig Cabinet maker Harman St
vice W Sutliff resigned
James M Shourt Book binder Prince vice John Ackerman Resigned
Robert North Grocer 63 Division St vice John Wright resigned

N° 18

William Cromwell Merchant 394 Pearl St
vice Moses J Quimby Resigned

[98] N° 19

Joshua Carhart Grocer Bowery & Hester
vice W^{m} Doughty resigned
Gordon Florentine Cartman Mulberry vice Isaac Dreemer resigned
Isaac Carpenter Grocer Grand St vice Simon Demarest resig^{d}

N° 20

John C Woodruff Carpenter 523 Broome St
vice Thomas Kidney Resigned

N° 23

James S Waterbury Clerk 73 Hudson st
vice John Newhouse resigned
Frederick W Leeds Clerk 30 Leonard s^{t}
vice Alfred Tillotson resigned

N° 39

William Collins Watch maker Broadway
vice Alfred D Strong resigned

The Chief Engineer presented his Annual Report accompanied with is general return of the Fire Department which was directed to be rinted in the usual manner for the members of the Board Fire Engine Iouses Watch Houses &c

The Report was as follows

[99] To the Corporation of the City of New York

The Chief Engineer respectfully Reports

That he has in company with the Gentleman of the Corporation omposing the Fire Department made his annual visitation throughout he department Excepting at Manhattanville & Harlaem, and herewith is Annual return with the names of the Engineers Foremen Firemen and Fire Wardens their places of residence occupation &c Also the places of deposit of the respective machines Whereby it will appear that there are including old numbers 24 & 27 at the new Alms House & three now building for Companies Nos. 10, 19 & 33 Forty-five Engines Four Hook & Ladder trucks One Hose Waggon Eight thousand nine hundred and one feet of Hose including two thousand one hundred feet of Hemp Hose in good order One thousand four hundred and thirty four feet leather hose (Ordinary) making in the whole including Six hundred feet in good order at the New Alms House ten thousand nine hundred & thirty five feet of Hose There are also One hundred & Seventy two buckets in good order including forty two of wood ten broken making in the whole Two hundred and twenty-four Buckets, Also Eighteen Ladders Twenty four Hooks One machine for throwing down Chimneys and one Copper Pump [100] The total number of Men attached to the Fire Department when the Companies are complete including the Engine[er]s and Fire Wardens are One thousand two hundred and Eighty five but as there are One hundred and forty Seven vacancies the present number is One thousand One hundred and thirty Eight during the present Year three new Engines have been completed for Companies Nos 12, 17 & 29 N° 41 is rebuilding

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a well and Pump in Dey St. between Broadway & Greenwich St which was confirmed & Morris De Camp app^d Collector.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments & Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis & Morris De Camp to collect the Same

An Assesment for Regulating & paving [101] Washington St from Watts to Charlton Street

For Extending Fly market Sewer

For Public Cisterns on Rose Street.

For Cross Walks in 5th Ward

For Crosswalks in 4th Ward

For Well & Pump in Beekman near Pearl St

For Regulating & Paving Bedford St from Burton to Christopher

The City Inspector on the petition of A Labagh reported as follows.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the board on the petition of A Labagh respecting a Nuisance presented at its last meeting

That an Ordinance was issued to correct the nuisance and upon its non Compliance with was Sent to the Attorney

That an application was made to have another Ordinance presented with a higher penalty before any decision was determined on by a Jury to which the defendant wished to appeal

Under these Circumstances the City Inspector thought he had no right to act further he did not know nor does he now know seeing that all ordinances for privies are limited [102] to $25. that he would have been justifiable to have issued a Second Ordinance & also to have increased the penalty and the more So as the question Seemed to be much of a matter of dispute between the Contending parties

Mr Wyncoop however is abating the nuisance and amongst the Ordinances now presented is one for him. by the morrow if he does not faithfully Comply with his promise it will be issued and 48 hours afterwards acted on.

(Signed) George Cumming C. I.

Which was ordered to be filed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances

N^{o} 1.	Cha^{s} W Sandford	Owner	Norfolk St	A Lot
2	do	do	Lawrence	do
3	Pet Lorillard	do	White St	do
4	Pet A Jay [& P^{r} J Munro]	do	Elm St	do
5	Mechanics Bank	do	Washington St	do
6	S Van Rensalaer	do	Greenwich St	do
7	Heirs of P Livingston	do	Mulberry St	do
8.	*W^{m} Nelson* [S Van Ransellaer]	do	do	do
9	[103] W^{m} Nelson	do	Pitt St.	do
10	John Ayres	do	Sullivan	do
11	P Underhill	do	Willet St	do
12	W^{m} Thompson	do	Greene St	do
13	James Warner	do	First St	do
14	John Suydam	do	Dey St.	do
15	W^{m} W Gilbert	do	Broadway	do
16	J Lorillard	do	Washington St	do
17	A Wynkoop	do	Greenwich St	do
18	M J Ryerson	do	Washington St	do
19	[Josh^{a} Jones	do	West St	do]

(Signed) G. Cumming C. I.

The Attorney presented the following report of Leases of Lots Sold for Non Payment of Assessments

The Attorney herewith respectfully Reports for Execution the following Leases of Land Sold for nonpayment of Assessments and which have not been redeemed within the time allowed by Law for that purpose

1st All that certain lot of ground bounded Northerly on thirteenth St. Easterly by land belonging to H Stevens Southerly & Westerly by land belonging to unknown owners assessed as belonging to Henry Smith and designated on the Map of Property assessed for making Minetto Sewer, filed in the office of the Street Commissioner as No 351. Sold to [104] Wm T Lawrence for 40 years from 18th Decemr 1823. for $22.25/100

2nd All those two certain lots of ground fronting on Reason Street & lying to the East of Herring St and designated on the Above mentioned map as No 220 assessed as belonging to Henry Smith Sold to Jacob Lorillard for 50 Years from 18th Decr 1823 for $40.24/100 These Leases have been prepared by direction of the Street Commissioner

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Said Leases were directed to be duly Executed

The Attorney also presented the following with a deed of Exchange between Gulian & Thomas Ludlow

The Attorney herewith Respectfully Reports for execution a deed of Exchange between Gulian and Thomas W Ludlow Esqres by which the Corporation convey to the Messrs Ludlows three triangular pieces or gores of land in Exchange for three other triangular pieces or gores of land to be conveyed to the Corporation by the [105] Messrs Ludlows. This Deed is made out according to the directions of the Board at the last meeting and in Conformity with the map of the property presented to the board and approved by them

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the deed was directed to be duly executed

The Committee on Assesments on the Petition of Paul B Loyd reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Paul B Loyd Report

that the Assessors of the 5th ward have certified to their mistake in assessing Mr Loyd as owning any personal Estate they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th ward abstain from Collecting any personal tax against Paul B Loyd & return the Amount thereof in his list of Errors and so forth

(Signed)
S Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Connover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[106] The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Thomas reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the foregoing Petition of James Thomas

Report

that it appears from the annexed Certificate of the Assessors of the 1st ward that they have rated the personal property of Mr Thomas at $5000 more than its true amount the Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 1st Ward be authorised to deduct the tax $5000 assessed against James Thomas for personal Estate and receive only the proportion of tax that will be due on the residue of his Estate

respectfully Submitted

(Signed)
S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition [107] of Abraham Terheun reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the Annexed resolution and accompanying Certificate of the Assessors of the 9th Ward was referred

Report that they recommend the adoption of the Said Resolution

(Signed)
S. Cowdrey
G Zabriskie
Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of W^m^ Millar reported against Petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments Report on the within petition of W^m^ Millar a Clergyman that it appears on Investigation that his Estate Consists of a House and Lot with About $1700 and he claims an Exemption from taxation on $1500 of this amount by reason of his profession But your Committee have understood that the Assessors have in this and all Similar cases pursued a construction of the Statute which had been Sanctioned by the Supervisors They are therefore under the necessity of recommending the following resolution Resolved the petition of [108] William Millar be rejected

respectfully Submitted

George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Merrit H Smith reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments on the foregoing petition of Merrit H Smith Report

that from the certificates of the Assessors of the 10th ward it appears that they have assessed his personal Estate at $800 more than its just amount with regard to his leasehold Estate they are of opinion that it does not fall within the exemption made by the statute in favour of Clergyman as the property therein mentioned as excepted if belonging to Clergymen is real Estate

They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector [109] of the 10th Ward be authorised to abstain from the Collecting of the tax on $800 of the personal Estate of Merrit H Smith and return the Same in his list of Errors & insolvencies for the Year 1823, and that the residue of his petition be rejected

S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Leonard Warner reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the Annexed petition of Leonard Warner was referred

Report.

That it appears to your Committee that Mr Warner is the Owner of a Gore or piece of Ground at the Corner of Williams St and Maiden lane Which the Assessors of the 2^nd^ Ward valued at $2000 and that on account of an Improvement going on at the time the Extent and boundaries of the Gore were not Sufficiently distinct and they assessed a part of the gore on Maiden lane as another lot or part of [110] another lot, when in truth it was but one parcel as above mentioned and they Assessed this part at $4000

This mistake the Assesors have discovered and duly certified. Mr Warner having paid both Sums assessed upon him the first being $12.40 the latter $24.80 now applies to be relieved from one which the Committee deem clearly just and therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favour of Leonard Warner for $24.80. being the amount of tax paid by him on a lot in Maiden lane which Lot was included in a Lot belonging to him fronting on William Street

S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of the Rev^d^ W^m^ Harris reported in his [111] favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Reverend D^r^ William Harris

Report,

That it Satisfactorily appears to them that the petitioner is not worth more than $1500 personal Estate and that he has no real Estate And that his case is within the provisions of the Act in favor of Clergyman. They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that the Collector of the 3^d^ Ward abstain from the Collecting of the tax charged against the Reverend D^r^ W^m^ Harris for the Year 1823. and return the amount thereof in His list of Errors & Delinquencies for that Year

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) S. Cowdrey
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Ald Wyckoff presented the following Resolution which was adopted & directed to be published one week in the daily papers of the City Viz^t^ Resolved that his Honor the Mayor together [112] with the Alderman and Assistant Alderman of Each of the five lower Ward be and they are hereby instructed to attend at the Mayors Office on the Second Wednesday of each Month between June & April next both Months inclusive And further that His Honor the Mayor together with the representatives of the five upper Wards attend at the same place on the second Thursday of each of the Above Months for the purpose of Issuing Excise & Tavern Licenses to Such persons as have heretofore been prevented by unavoidable circumstances from applying for the Same

Ald^n^ Wyckoff presented the following resolution which was adopted & directed to be published one week in the daily papers of the City

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be requested to commence Suits against Every person who is required by Law and who has neglected to take out Excise or Tavern License.

Alderman King presented the following which was adopted

[113] Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices be requested to enquire into the Expediency of appointing the High Constable or Some other Suitable person to See that the Laws of the State and of this Common Council in relation to Excise & Tavern licenses are duly enforced and whether compensation ought to be allowed therefore

A Resignation of Ebeneezer Cole of the Office of Weighmaster was presented and accepted

A Resolution that the person employed to regulate the Public Clocks be instructed to regulate the Clock of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Village of Greenwich was presented & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Ald Doughty presented the following resolution for the appointment of Commissioners of the School fund for the current Year. which was adopted

Resolved that Abraham Russel Peter H Wendover Francis Cooper

Jacob Drake & Oliver H Hicks be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of the School fund for the present year

Mr Cowdrey presented the following which [114] was laid on the table

Resolved that this Board will at the next meeting proceed to the appointment of an attorney

His Honor the Mayor upon motion appointed the following a Committee to make Arrangements for the Celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independance

Alderman Taylor King Doughty Munson Zabriskie

Ald Taylor gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move to go into the appointment of a City treasurer or Chamberlain

The Comptroller Reported as follows

Balance as per account 24th may		61.41
Received	for rents	10.372.53
"	Streets	4080.04
"	Tax of 1823 4. 5. wards	2500.
"	Real Estate	536.14
"	Fire Department	250.
[115]	Mayoralty fees	158.50
	Clerk of Sessions fees	149.60
	Wells and Pumps	149.54
	City Prison fees	103.50
	District Attorneys fees	93.03
	Fines of Sheriff	67.
	Intelligence offices	25.
		$18546.29

67 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton	Watch	1st District			$813.75
Hibberd & Clark	do	2nd "			660.75
Bleakly & Brower	do	3d "			645.75
George Cumming	City Inspector	1 Qr	Salary	1 inst	200.
Obadiah Ayres	Assistant do.	1 mo.	"	"	45.50
Astin & Cochran	Messengers	do	"	"	52.
Wm Schureman	Keeper of Pottersfield		"	"	38.75
Charles Gilman	do	Battery	"	"	31.
Andrew McCready		Park	"	"	31.
Oliver Jacques	St Inspector	1st ward	"	"	31.
Peter Wright	do	2nd do	"	"	31.
Thomas Jeroleman	do	3d do	"	"	31.
Nicholas B Lyon	do	4th do	"	"	31.
Abraham Ackerman	do	5th do	"	"	31.
Wm Kerr	do	6th do	"	"	31.

Benjamin Fuller Inspector 7th Ward Salary 1 inst	31.
Samuel Hutchings do 8th do " "	31.
Daniel Hubbard do 10th do " "	31.
[116] W. W. & T L Chester Carpets for City Hall	168.78
Benjn Hicks Assistant Board of Health 1 mo 1st inst	45.50
Jonathan Pinckney do do " "	45.50
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington market	64.42
John Bremner do Catharine market	57.
Peter Ammerman do 6 markets	49.50
George Duryea do Fulton	41.67
Richard Smith do Franklin	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton	38.59
G Snethen Lightg Lamps 1 mo 1st inst	605.11
Robert Provoost repairing Lamps	111.72
John Wark Marshall attending issuing tavern licenses 24 days	30.
Abraham Leggett Supg Work Mud Machine 12 days to 6th inst	137.05
James Morgan & Son repairs do	68.09
L Richardson Ground rent for Engines House No 30. 1 Year 1st may	15.
Jesse Howard Rent for Court 5. 8. wards 1 Year 1 may	100.
J Hays for officers Extra Service Police 1 Qr 26th may	276.75
J Hays do Conveying prisoners to City Prison 1 Qr 1 may..	125.50
J Hays do do to Penitentiary 1 Qr 26 may	38.
Henry Cotheal & Inspectors of Election 1 ward	39.
Abraham Cargill & do " 2 "	39.
N C Griffith & do " 3 "	39.
J. B Schmelzel & do " 5 "	39.
Andrew Surre & do " 6 "	39.
[117] Abraham Dally & do " 7th "	39.
John Morss & do " 8th "	39.
Thomas Morris & do " 9th "	39.
David Seaman & do " 10th do	39.
Samuel H De Mott Clerk issuing tavern licenses 14 days	24.50
John B Murray Principal & intt Canal St Sewer	104.34
Job Furman do " " "	39.12
Matthew Riker do " " "	19.65
H Smith act Regg & pavg Washington Street from Watts to Charlton St.	700.
J Pinkerton act regg & paving Hudson St from Duane to Anthony St.	300.
T Cummings Act regg & paving Bedford St from Burton to Christopher St	270.
T Cummings act regg Herring from Carmine to Christopher	300.
H Smith flagging Side Walks Beekman front of fulton market	159.64
S Fargay bal regg & paving Dover Street fr Pearl to Water St	131.77
R Pettigrew paving Side Walks, Spring St corr of Hudson St	71.08
Benjamin Brower 624 tons Stone at Battery	270.
John Becker 540 tons do do	236.25
R Graves St Comr for repairs of Roads	880.
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs for Docks & Slips	1368.
J P Roome do Fire Department	215.
J P Roome do Markets	184.

[118] A Burtis	Sup^{t}	Alms House	for working Convicts	1000.
A Burtis	do	do	City Burial ground	2000.
A Burtis	do	do	Alms House	5000.
				\$.18489.21
			Balance	" 57.08

Board adjourned

[119] In Common Council June 21st 1824

Present. The Honble William Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H. Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Connover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the New Brunswick Steam boat Company for permission to drive Some Piles at the foot of Marketfield St off the South front of the Reef forming the foundation of the Battery wall was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips with powers.

The following Certificate of the Canvassers of [120] the late Election respecting the proposed change of the Common Council was presented & ordered to be filed

City of New York Ss.

L, S, I, Jn^{o} Woodward Clerk of the City & County of New York do hereby certify that the Certificate and Statement hereunto annexed are true Copies of a certificate and Statement on file in my Office made by the Board of Canvassers authorised under the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled " An Act to alter the Organization of the Common Council of the City of New York " passed the third day of April 1824 and Signed by the Chairman & Secretary of the said Board.

New York June 10th 1824.

(Signed) Jn^{o} Woodward

At a Meeting of the Board of Canvassers duly organized and held in and for the City of New York at the Clerks Office of the County in the City Hall of the Said City, on tuesday the 8th day of June in the Year One thousand, eight hundred and twenty four, pursuant to the Act entitled "An Act to alter [121] the Organization of the Common Council of the City of New York" passed April 3d 1824 Abraham Bloodgood was chosen Chairman and John Woodward being Clerk of the Said City and County was Ex officio, Secretary of the Said Board.

The following persons appear and constituted the Said Board, they having actually presided as Inspectors of an Election held on the last Monday of May last and the two Succeeding days inclusive in pursuance of the Act aforesaid in the Several Wards of the Said City, and having been respectively appointed by a Major part of the Inspectors of Election of their respective wards to attend at the office of the Clerk of the County of New York for the purpose of delivering a Certificate of Votes and of Composing the Board of Canvassers, that is to say—Henry Cotheal of the First Ward—John Leonard of the Second Ward, Abraham Bloodgood of the fourth Ward, Robert M Russell of the fifth Ward, Andrew Surre of the Sixth Ward, Abraham Dally of the Seventh Ward Thomas Morris of the Ninth Ward, and Jn° Morss of the Eighth Ward.

The Board having calculated and Ascertained the aggregate amount or whole number of Votes given at an Election held in and for the said City on the last Monday of May last and the two Succeeding days inclusive for the purpose of deciding for or against the [122] provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled "An Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of the City of New York," passed the 3d day of April in the Year One thousand eight Hundred and twenty four,

Do Certify that it appearing by the Certificates delivered by the Inspectors of Said Election and by the Statement here unto annexed, that the Majority of the Ballots was for the word "No." we do determine by virtue and in pursuance of the Act, that all and Singular the provisions of the Act above referred to are Null and Void to every intent & purpose.

In Witness whereof we the Chairman and Secretary of the Said Board of Canvassers have hereunto Set Our hands this eighth day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Abm Bloodgood Chairman

Jn° Woodward Secretary.

[123] City of New York Ss.

Statement of Votes given at an Election held in the City of New York on the last Monday of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty four and the two succeeding days inclusive for the purpose of deciding for or against the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled an Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of the City of New York, passed the 3d day of April 1824,

Wards	Ballots for the Word Yes.	Ballots for the Word No.
First	Three Hundred & twenty three	Thirty
Second	Two Hundred	Thirty four
Third	One Hundred & Sixty four	One Hundred & twenty three
Fourth	Two Hundred & Eighteen	One Hundred & Eight
Fifth	Two Hundred & ten	One Hundred & Sixty
Sixth	One Hundred & Ninety Nine	One Hundred & Eighty two
Seventh	Eighty three	Two Hundred & Six
Eighth	One Hundred & fifty two	Three Hundred & fourteen
Ninth	Forty	One Hundred & Seventy Eight
Tenth	One Hundred & Eleven	Four Hundred & thirty three
	Total Number of Votes given for "Yes".... 1700	Total Number of Votes given for "No".......... 1768
		"Yes".......... 1700
		Majority in favor of "No" 68

Jn° Woodward Secretary. Ab^{m} Bloodgood Chairman

[124] A Recomendation in favour of Isaac Loofborrow as an Inspector of Manure was refered to the Committee on Application for Office.

A Petition for an increase of the Watch between Peck Slip and Burling Slip in Water and Front St. was referred to Watch Committee.

A Petition of Susannah Drake and Charles Drake, for relief from Tax assessed on them, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition for repeal of Law prohibiting the Sale of furniture at Auction in Chatham Square was read and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition

Petition of Mess^{rs} Griswold & Dunham, for permission to assign the Lease of the Williamsburgh ferry to the Williamsburgh Ferry Company was referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants near the 9 Mile Stone to have the 10th Avenue opened from the Seat of [125] Mrs Hamilton to that of Mr. Jumel was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition that the part of Essex St. between Rivington and Stanton St. be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Enoch Hoyt for remission of a penalty incurred under an ordinance for filling in a Lot, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that Horse racing may be prohibited in the first Avenue was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 9th and 10th Wards.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against permiting Balloons to be raised at Vauxhall Garden was referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition that the Road between the 8th & 9th Mile Stone be repaired and remonstrating against Opening 10th Avenue was referred to the Road Committee.

[126] A Petition of the Chatham fire Insurance Company, for the purchase of a piece of Ground N° 1 Chatham Square formerly used as the Site for a Watch House, was referred to Finance Committee.

A Petition of Capt Thos Walton of the City Watch that Counsel might be assigned him to defend a Suit brought against him, for Acts in his Capacity as Watchman—was referred to the Watch Committee with powers.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against a petition for Opening 114th Street from the 3d Avenue to the Dock opposite Wards Island, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of William Leek for permission to erect a Brick drain to run off the Water from the Tanary near Spring St. to intersect the Sewer in Grand St. was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of Barbara Owen requesting payment for Chimnies & Fixtures in Cellar under Washington Market, was referred to Market Committee.

[127] A Petition of Peter Nodine for relief from Tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Elisabeth Evesson that the Sale of a lot owned by her on Thompson St, Advertised for Sale for non-payment of an assessment, may be postponed untill her child arrives at age, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Frederick Travers to remove a frame Building was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward with powers.

A Petition of Henry Miller for License as a Cartman was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Wm B Astor for John Jacob Astor and a number of other persons proprietors and Lessees of a large portion of ground lying between the first Avenue and the East river remonstrating against the Petition before the Board for Opening 2^d^ St from the 1^st^ Avenue to its junction with North St. was read and referred to the St. Committee.

[128] A Petition of Charles Henry Hall for a Water Grant opposite his ground on the East river extending from 11th to 13th St. was read and referred to Finance Committee.

A Petition from Landholders and Tenants between Bleecker, Amity Mercer & Wooster St. Stating that the lots in the Vicinity are at present in a State of great nuisance and require to be filled in and requesting Ordinance may be passed, Ordering them to be filled up, was referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition that Eldridge St. be paved between Stanton and North St. was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Aaron Kimbal Stating he has been ordered to remove certain Articles of his from pier N° 1, which he had placed, by authority of the Richmond Turnpike C° and praying they may be permitted to remain, was read and Petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Mary's Church at Manhattanville [129] *Manhattanville* stating that they are erecting a Church at Manhattanville and that the Builder find difficulty in procuring Sand for the purpose of the building and requesting to be permitted for that purpose to take some of the sand from the side of Manhattan St. in Said Village was read and referred to the Road Committee with Authority.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and St. Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump on Canal St reported as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the fifth ward, and Street Commissioner, respectfully Report, on the within petition for a Well and Pump in Canal St. between Hudson and Varick Streets, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners is just, and therefore ought to be granted, and they accordingly submit the following resolution,

Resolved that the prayer contained in the within petition ought to be granted.

George Zabriskie
(Signed) W^m^ Burtsell
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[130] The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition for an Engine at Manhattan Island Reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Noah Brown and others praying that an Engine may be placed at Manhattan Island.

Report. That they have had the above petition before them for some time, and after mature deliberation and a personal inspection of the exposed situation of the Inhabitants residing in that vicinity.

The opinion of your Committee is decidedly against increasing the Fire Department except in very special cases. In consideration, however, of this location being so remote from the more dense population of the City, Your Committee feel themselves bound to report in favour of the petitioners. they therefore beg leave to recommend that Engine N° 19 (which by a resolution of the Board was ordered to be sold) be placed in such Situation as shall be agreed on by your Committee, and Henry Eckford Esq^{r} who has offered to appropriate a piece of ground for the purpose of erecting the necessary building [131] for containing the Machine.

Resolved, That so soon as a Company Shall be formed, and appointed by the Board from among the Inhabitants residing at or in the neighbourhood of Manhattan Island to take charge of an Engine, Their duty as firemen to be Confined to Manhattan Island and its immediate vicinity, that the Superintendant of repairs is hereby directed to cause a Suitable building to be erected under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved, that whenever the Committee on the Fire Department shall be Satisfied that the provisions in the above report and resolution have been complied with, that they cause Engine N° 19 to be placed under the charge of the Said Company

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Joseph Leviness for Stall N° 17 Washington Market, reported as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Leviness Butcher for a grant of Stand N° 17 in the [132] Washington Market, now held by James Owen who is willing to give it up to petitioner.

Report, that James Owen has given his consent in writing to relinquish the above Stand as set forth, and also that said Leviness is recommended as a proper person to occupy the Stand.

Your Committee would therefore advise that the Stand be granted, and he licensed as a Butcher for the same.

For that purpose they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That Joseph Leviness be licensed as a Butcher for Stand N° 17 Washington Market, on James Owens surrendering the license now held by him for that Stand.

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos T. Woodruff
Philip Hone
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[133] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elijah Raynor requesting an assignment of Lot N° 19 in Brooklyn, reported against the petition as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Elijah Raynor, That the petitioner requests an assignment of the lease of Lot N° 16 in Brooklyn; and States, that the lot was granted by the Corporation to Joseph Place—who assigned it (by a mere delivery of the Lease & possession) to Wm Thomas—and that Thomas mortgaged the same to the petitioner, and that the Mortgage is forfeited—But it appears that neither Mr Place or Mr Thomas apply for, or consent to, the proposed assignment to Mr Raynor. And your Committee think it manifest, that the Corporation cannot assign the Lease to Mr Raynor the petitioner who has not foreclosed the Mortgage nor is he the legal assignee of the Lease.

Your Committee cannot perceive that the Board has any obligation to interfere in this matter, nor have they the powers to afford relief to the petitioner, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of [134] the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Orphan Asylum for pecuniary aid, presented a Report granting them the sum of $500, was read and the further consideration postponed.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the rotunda praying an extension of the Lease to the Philharmonic Society presented the following report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of the Trustees of the Rotunda, That in 1817, a Lease for nine years of the Rotunda was granted to John Vanderlyn, to exhibit paintings in—and that he assigned the same to petitioners, as Trustees for the Subscribers to the Rotunda.

That the Rotunda is not used for the intended purposes—and [135] that the Philharmonic Society, (for the promotion and Cultivation of the Science of Music,) wish to purchase the remainder of the unexpired Lease, provided that the Corporation will Lease the Rotunda to them, at an Annual rent for a further period of 15 Years. The existing Lease will expire on the 1st May 1826, when the building becomes the property of the Corporation, the same having been leased to Mr Vanderlyn rent free—about the same time, a portion of the City debt becomes payable, and it perhaps was intended (as well with respect to the Rotunda, as with respect to other property under Lease which expires about that time) to apply the same to the redemption of the public debt.

But the petitioners are anxious that the Philharmonic Society, (which is Composed of many of our most respectable Citizens) should have the extended Lease, they being unwilling to purchase the unexpired term of two years unless the Corporation will extend the Lease for fifteen Years.

The Philharmonic Society will, it is believed, pay a fair rent for the premises; and probably would pay a small rent for the two years which are unexpired, and for which no rent is payable.

In case the Board are [136] *are* willing to Lease the Rotunda, Your Committee have no doubt that they will be able to agree upon terms with the Philharmonic Society.

The Committee, in order to bring the Subject before the board, for their decision, respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the board will Lease the Rotunda to the Gentlemen Composing the Philharmonic Society, upon such rent, terms, and Conditions, as the finance Committee may deem expedient

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

The question being taken on agreeing to the Report it passed in the Negative

The Finance Committee on the petition of W^m B Windle for extension of Lease of Lot N° 256 William St. reported against the Petitioner as follows.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of M^r Windle, That he holds a Lease [137] of 256 William St which expires in May 1826—That he has agreed for the Sale of the unexpired term, provided that the Lease is agreed to be extended for 21 Years, Your Committee, however, are Satisfied that they cannot agree with the purchaser as to the amount of rent, even if the extension of the Lease should be agreed to—and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

Reuben Munson
Will^m H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Will^m Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York praying that the Rent reserved on a Lot held on Lease by them, may be released to them presented a Report relinquishing the rent for the period of five years, The same having been read was after some discussion postponed for further Consideration.

[138] The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for the removal of a Pump at the Junction of Broome and Orange Sts reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Broome and Orange Streets, praying that the Well at the junction of these Streets may be filled up, and a new one dug in that Neighbourhood in a more Suitable place, report that in their opinion their request Should be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Thom^s T. Woodruff
R Graves St Comm^r

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition that Elizabeth Street be regulated from Prince to Bleecker St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom [139] was referred the petition of the Owners of property *of property* of Elizabeth Street praying that, that Street may be regulated from Prince to Bleecker Streets, Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted. and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the report of the Attorney that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the case of 5th Street had been Confirmed, by the Supreme Court presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the report of the Attorney to this Board in the Case of 5th Street. Report, that in their opinion the proceedings of this Corporation in this Case ought to be postponed until the first day of July next, and that the collecting of Assessment Commence at that time, Accordingly they offer the [140] following resolution.

Resolved, that the Opening of Fifth Street, and the collecting of the Assessment therefor be postponed until the first day of July next.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington reported in favour of the Same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of property on Columbia Street requesting that, that Street may be paved from Grand Street to Rivington Street, Report. that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted—and that an ordinance be presented accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
[141] Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam^l St. John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of Abr^m Stagg praying an extension of time for digging out Henry Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed memorial of Abr^m Stagg for an extension of time to dig out Henry Street, Reported that on investigation they find that the petitioner had permission given him about two years since to dig out Henry Street from Governeur Street to Grand Street, on condition that he would execute a contract, with surety to remove all the earth, Rocks and Stones from that Street, by the 24th June 1824, that such contract and Bond was immediately prepared, and M^r Stagg duly noticed, to call at the Street Commissioners Office and execute them, which he neglected or refused to do, and has ever since refused, although repeatedly requested so to do by the Street Commissioner and his assistant.

Your Committee are of the [142] opinion that the petitioner has no claim to the indulgence of this Board and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam^l St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave the side walks in Sullivan Street from Canal to Spring Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jn^o Remsen and others praying that the side walks in Sullivan St. may be paved from Canal to Spring Street, Report that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) [143] Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for repaving Chatham Street from westerly side of Pearl to James Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of James Hall and others praying that Chatham Street may be repaved from the westerly side of Pearl Street to James Street, Report. that in their opinion that the repaving of that part of Chatham Street is particularly required, as also a small portion of Orange Street connected therewith and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Chatham Street be repaved from the Westerly side of Pearl St. to James Street, and also a portion of Orange Street Connected therewith

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam^{l} St. John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[144] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Coles respecting his contract for paving Columbia Street from Rivington to North Street reported in his favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Coles stating, that he is the Contractor for paving Columbia Street, from Rivington to North Street, that he has paved one block, but is prevented from completing the work in as much as the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, have not reported the permanent regulation of North Street.

Report. that as M^{r} Coles has completed one Block, and is prevented from proceeding any further for the above reasons, it is just and proper that he Should be paid for the work finished, therefore recommend that an assessment be made for what is completed, and the monies collected and paid over to him, and accordingly offer the follow resolution

Resolved, that an assessment be made for the paving of Columbia Street, from Rivington to Stanton Street and the Monies Collected thereon be paid to Charles Coles the Contractor.

[145] Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Reuben Munson
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for Straightening William Street on the westerly side from Maiden Lane to Liberty Street, reported against the Petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry persons praying that William Street may be Straightened on the Westerly Side from Maiden Lane to Liberty Street. Report. that in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners,

Jacob. B. Taylor
Sam[l] St. John
(Signed) Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Cliff Street from [146] Beekman to Frankfort St. reported against the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for, and the remonstrances against the Opening Cliff Street from Beekman Street, to Frankfort Street—Report, That they have had the subject under their deliberate Consideration and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners, in as much as the expence which will probably be assessed on the Corporation will be very Considerable, and the advantages to the public of little moment, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Philip Hone
Sam^{l} St John
Reuben Munson.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition that Grand Street may be continued from Varick St to Canal St. reported against the petition as follows.

[147] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Grand Street may be continued from its present termination at Varick Street to Canal Street—and also the remonstrance of the owners of property in that vicinity Report, That in their Opinion the public good, nor Individual benefit will be promoted by such opening, and are therefore induced to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Jacob B. Taylor
Philip Hone
(Signed) Sam^{l} St John
Reuben Munson.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for widening Columbia St. to Sixty feet, reported against the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Columbia Street, may be widened to Sixty feet, (Its present width being fifty feet) and also a remonstrance against such improvement, Report that in their Opinion a Street of fifty feet in width in that part of the City is sufficient for [148] Health or Convenience, and it would be attended with considerable expence to the public and to individuals, as there are several buildings erected on the line of a fifty foot Street, Your Committee are therefore induced to report against widening the Street to Sixty feet, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Philip Hone
Sam^{l} St John
Reuben Munson.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition, that the opening of 3^d Street be delayed reported in favor of the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Sundry persons, Lessees of Grounds on third Street between the Bowery and first Avenue, praying that the opening of that Street may be postponed, until the present Crop of Vegetables are removed therefrom, Report their [149] Opinion in the following resolution.

Resolved, that Third Street be opened by removing the fences and incumbrances therefrom on the first day of September next

Jacob B Taylor
Philip Hone
(Signed) Sam^l St John
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the resolution respecting the erecting of Booths around the Park and other public places presented the following report which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the erecting of Booths around the Park and other Public places in this City; beg leave to report—That they have duly considered the subject, and given to it all that attention which the importance of it required

Your Committee are aware that complaints have been made, of abuses growing out of the privilege which the resolution proposes to withhold, and they have no doubt from the nature of the case, that to a certain [150] extent, such complaints are well founded, they think however that under suitable regulations, most of those abuses may be corrected, and our Citizens still be indulged with the privilege which they have heretofore enjoyed on so many anniversaries of our National Independence—It is a day of general rejoicing throughout the United States, and particularly so in the City of New York, immense numbers of people collect here on that day from the surrounding Country, who would have no opportunity of witnessing the Celebration were they Compelled to disperse throughout the City for necessary refreshments The Streets around the Park and other public places, are sufficiently spacious to allow the erection of Booths, in the usual manner, without obstructing the public way, and as the evils to be apprehended are not deemed very serious, and as the measure if adopted would create disappointment, and deprive a large portion of our fellow Citizens of the enjoyment of those patriotic feelings which the day is so well calculated to inspire—Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it would be [151] inexpedient to adopt the resolution referred to them by this Board.

The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That *that* the Booths around the Park and other public places for the ensuing Anniversary, be let to Individuals for their Accommodations under the direction of the Committee on Public Lands and Places

Sam^l^ St. John
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Alpheus Sherman
Will^m^ Burtsell

The following Gentlemen were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Henry H. Gillett. Carpenter N° 86 Forsyth St
Vice Thomas Philips, Resigned
Dennis Cornell Carpenter 38 pump St
Vice Caleb Johnson Time expired

Fire Hook & Ladder Comp^y^ N° 4

Isaac Ward Black Smith 16 Orchard St
Vice William Golden Deceased.
[152] Elijah Purdy Grocer 180 Broome St.
Vice William Birdsall—Resigned
Benjamin Yates Cartman 188 Delancy St.
Vice John J Gantz Resigned
Joseph Beyea Cartman 46 Essex St. Vice George Brown Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 5

William H Parkhurst Dentist 93 Fulton St
Vice John M^c^Lean Resigned

N° 6

Robert Stuthers Grocer Cor of Cham^r^ & Church
Vice Thomas Newman Time Expired

N° 10

John M Lester Constable 73 Chapel
Vice Andrew W Stout Time Expired
Frederick Honson Cooper Cor Ludlow & Delancy
Vice Rich^d^ Bird Time Expired

N° 11

Thomas Deacon Accou[n]tant Rutgers St
Vice Joseph Greenham Resigned
[153] Gabriel F Mott Printer 11 Broad St.
Vice Oliver Howell Resigned
Jonathan B Sanderson Shoe Maker 87 Pearl St
Vice Oliver Spencer Resigned

N° 12

Henry Van Winkle Turner 262 William
Vice Nath^l^ Concklin Resigned

N° 16

William Frederick Clerk 102 Hudson
Vice Isaac Vaughan Resigned
Sam^l^ Bechannon Tallow Chandler 5 Charlton St
Vice Andrew L Cock Resigned

N° 21

John J Bedient Accountant 85 Beekman St
Vice Frede^k^ W Leeds Resigned

N° 22

Abraham Brower Plumber Cherry St
Vice Andrew Tuley Resigned
John Miller Joiner 78 Harman St.
Vice Thomas Haskins Resigned

[154] Fire Engine Company N° 31

John Crawford Grocer Cor of Church & Reid
Vice James Murray, Time Expired
Joseph Marsh Carpenter 236 Chapel
Vice Samuel Dixon, Time Expired,

N° 32

George Hamilton, Carpenter 24 Ludlow St.
Vice Gerardus Deforest, Resigned

N° 40

John D Wood Barber 56 Elizabeth St
Vice Stephen Bedell Cr Allen & Delancy

N° 42

Thomas Burridge Accountant 29½ Cherry
Vice Thomas Phillips Time Expired.

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 1

William Van Tine Cooper 69 Front St.
Vice Edward W Dunham Resigned

Fire Supply Engine N° 1

Hugh Aikman Cooper 51 Bancker St
Vice Peter Snyder Deceased

[155] Fire Warden for the 6th Ward

John Eagle Merchant N° 4 Mott St.
Vice Corns McLean Time Expired

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Thomas St. from Hudson to Chapel St. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating &c Herring St. from near Carmine to Christopher St.

Also on an Assessment for repaving Hudson St. between Duane and Anthony St. and Warrant were ordered to Issue to N Jarvis to Collect the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz.

For a Well and Pump in Broome near Orange St. and Jn° Targee, Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kipp were appointed Assessors.

Also for Well and Pump in Canal St between Hudson and Varick St. and John Bedient, Jn° Salisbury and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors.

[156] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed. viz

For laying Side Walks in Sullivan St. from Canal to Spring St. and Isaac Kipp, Jn° Brower and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed assessors.

Also for repaving Chatham Street from Westerly Side of Pearl to James St. and so much of Orange St as may be necessary to conform thereto and Abraham Dally, Jn° Brower and Benjn Prince were appointed Assessors.

Also for filling up Elizabeth St. from Prince St. to Bleecker St. and Benj^{n} Prince, John Targee, and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in the Bowery near Elizabeth St and Isaac Kipp, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating &c Thompson St. from Canal to Grand St. and Isaac Kipp Jn^{o} Salisbury & Jn^{o} Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Attorney of the Board submitted the Answer of the Mayor Aldermen &c to the Suit in the Court of Chancery brought against them by Jn^{o} Davenport which was directed to be duly [157] Authenticated.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

No	1	Ch^{s} W Sandford	Owner	Varick St.	A Lot
	2	William M^{c}Kean	"	"	"
	3	A^{r} L Stewart	"	"	"
	4	D^{l} Spader	"	Mulberry	"
	5	Whitehead Hicks	"	Bancker	"
	6	M Allison	"	Church	"
	7	Jn^{o} R Livingston	"	Pitt St.	"
	8	P^{r} Hall	"	Delancy St	"
	9	P^{r} Ogilvie	"	Pitt St	"
	10	H. Miller	"	Rivington	"
	11	Rich^{d} Dickinson	"	"	"
	12	H. Brown	"	Sherriff St	"
	13	R^{t} M Livingston	"	Lawrens	"
	14	Jn^{o} Beekman	"	Bancker	"
	15	W^{m} Flinn	"	"	"
	16	Castro & Henriques	Lessees	"	"
	17	Moses Field	Owner	Houston	"
	18	Trinity Church	"	Varick St	"
	19	P^{r} Ogilvie	"	Columbia St	"
	20	A^{s} W Clason	"	Rivington St	"
	21	G Lorillard	"	Green & Wooster Sts	"
	22	W^{m} A G Thompson	"	Grand St	"
	23	G Franklin	"	Mott St	"
	24	J. M^{c}Dougall Lawrence	"	"	"
	25	[158] A L Stewart	"	Canal St	"
	26	Jn^{o} Gassner	Agent	Orange St	"
	27	W^{m} H Harrison	Owner	Wooster St	"
	28	G Janeway	"	Cross St.	"
	29	do	"	Pearl St	"
	30	J^{s} M^{c}Creary	"	Hudson	"
	31	A^{r} L Stewart	"	"	"

G Cumming
C^{y} Insp^{r}

His Honor the Mayor presented a Subpoena which had been served on him Issuing out of the Court of Equity of the first Circuit in the Suit of the Associates of the Jersey Company directed to the York and Jersey Steam Boat Company the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and Robert M^{c}Queen, Whereupon the Counsel was directed to enter the Application of the Corporation to said Suit and to defend the same.

An Invitation of the New York Gass light Company to visit a Lamp placed by them in Franklin Square in which is displayed a number of Gass light burners was presented and Accepted for Wednesday evening next 9 Oclock.

[159] Alderman Munson presented a resolution directing the St Committee to report the propriety of immediately paving Christie St. from Broome to Stanton St. which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following—Whereas disorder and confusion are introduced into the Fire Department by admitting Volunteers to assist the various Fire Companies, and to assume the dress and Authority of firemen, and whereas in the opinion of this Board it is unnecessary to have such assistance, therefore Resolved. that the Chief Engineer be directed to address a Circular to each Fire Company ordering them to dispence with the services of the Volunteers and in Case of their non Compliance to send the Engine, Hook and Ladder, or Hose Cart, as the case may be to the Corporation Yard, and report the Company to the Board forthwith

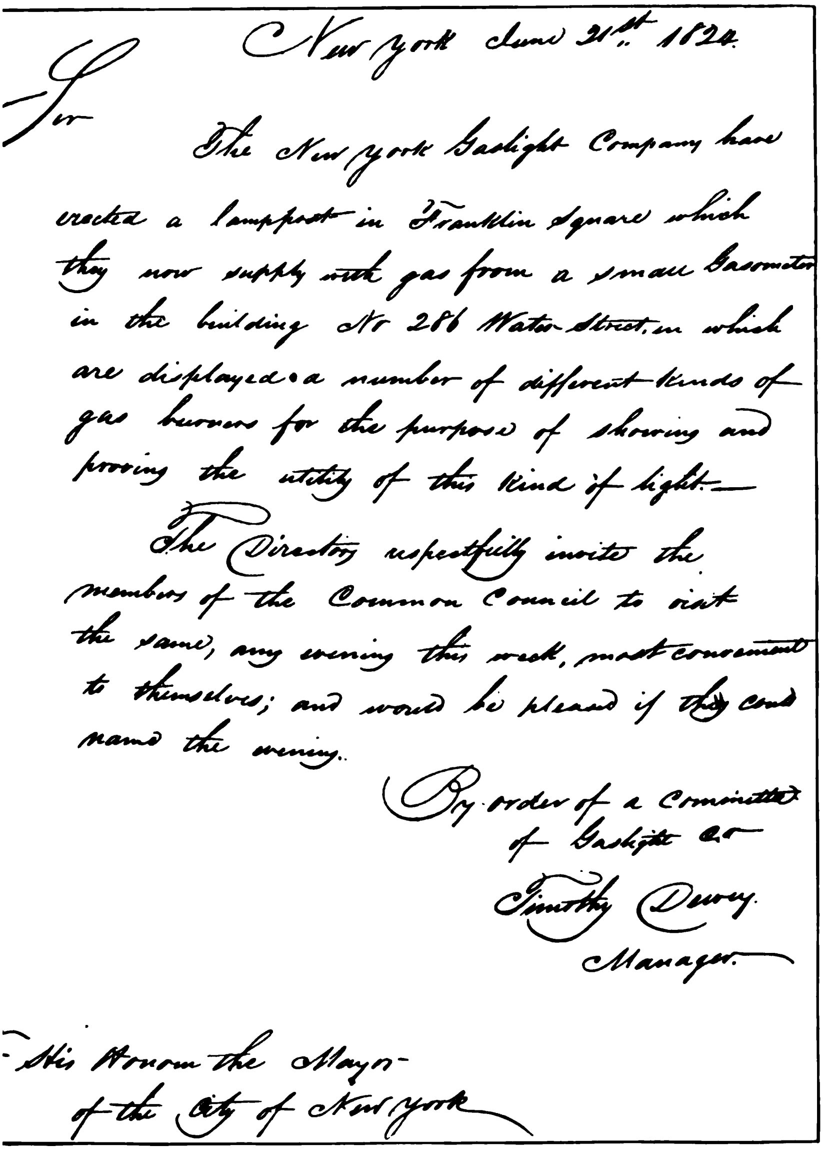
Which was approved and directed to be publis[h]ed in the Papers employed by the Board for One Week.

A resolution proposed by M^r Cowdrey that the Carriage Way at the head of Peck Slip between Water St and the Bulkhead be repaved was referred to the St. Committee.

[160] A Resolution was proposed by M^r Cox that the Board dispense with a Public Dinner at the public expence on the 4th of July next, and that $1000 be given ⅓^d to the Orphan Asylum—⅓ to the Society for the Support of Aged Females and the remaining ⅓^d to the Humane Society which being read was postponed indefinitely

The Recorder presented a resolution refering the Claim of Dr. Rooser and his Suit to the Attorney and Counsel which being read was referred to the Board of Health

The Recorder presented the following preamble and Resolutions respecting the reception of the Marquis De La Fayette on his arrival in this Country.



New York June 21st 1824.

Sir

The New York Gaslight Company have erected a lamppost in Franklin Square which they now supply with gas from a small Gasometer in the building No 286 Water Street, in which are displayed a number of different kinds of gas burners for the purpose of showing and proving the utility of this kind of light—

The Directors respectfully invite the members of the Common Council to visit the same, any evening this week, most convenient to themselves; and would be pleased if they could name the evening..

By order of a Committee
of Gaslight Co
Timothy Dewey.
Manager—

His Honor the Mayor
of the City of New York

onnection with the introduction of gaslight into the city this document, found ng the loose papers in the custody of the City Clerk and previously unpubd, is of unusual interest. The first contract for lighting the streets in the r part of the city by gas had been made in the preceding year (see pages 2, 75). Reference is made to this invitation and to its acceptance by the mon Council on page 774.—Ed.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives have lately by a concurrent resolution requested the President of the United States to give to the Marquis De La Fayette, an invitation to Visit this Country, and to Communicate to him the Assurances of grateful and affectionate attachment still cherished towards him by the Government and the People.

And as a further demonstr- [161] ation of respect, Congress directed that a National Ship, of the line, should be offered to the Marquis for the purpose of Conveying him to the U States.

And it being understood that the invitation has been given and accepted, and that the distinguished Visitor may probably, shortly arrive at our City, Influenced as this Board is by a respectful deference to the Constituted authorities of the General Government and animated by the highest esteem for the public and private virtues of the Marquis De La Fayette, It is therefore resolved, That the Corporation of the City of New York, acting in behalf of their fellow Citizens will receive and treat, the Marquis De La Fayette, as a Guest of the Nation.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare suitable apartments for his accomodation, and to furnish and Supply them, in a manner corresponding with the greatness and hospitality of our City, and the generous feelings of a free people.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, is hereby requested, upon the first announcement of the arrival of the Marquis in this City, to Convene the Common Council in the City Hall, for the purpose of receiving him and of [162] conducting him to the residence which shall have been provided for him by this Board.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor is hereby requested, immediately upon the arrival of the Marquis in this City, to communicate to him a Copy of these proceedings, and to inform him that a Committee of the Common Council will wait upon him to Conduct him to the City Hall.

Which having been read were adopted and the President appointed the following Gentlemen to Compose the Committee to carry said Resolutions into effect.

M^r Recorder Alderman King Zabriskie Mann Hone.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution that Thompson St. be regulated and paved from Canal to Grand St. which was referred to the Street Committee with Authority.

The Committee on Lands & places presented the following report on leasing Castle Clinton.

[163] The Committee on Public Lands and places, Report, that they have in pursuance of the Authority granted to them by the Common Council, Leased Castle Clinton to Francis B. Fitch, Arthur Roorbach and J. Rathbone for the term of five Years from the first day of May last. at the Annual rent of fourteen hundred dollars, payable quarterly in advance, with power of re entry for non payment

Your Committee recommend the following resolution, viz.

Resolved. that the Counsel of this Board be requested to prepare a Lease of Castle Clinton according to the terms Stated in the foregoing Report.

All which is Submitted

Sam^{l} St John
Elisha W King
(Signed) A Sherman
Gideon Ostrander
Reuben Munson
Jacob B. Taylor

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

A resolution was also presented by M^{r} St John Chairman of Said Committee that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips be authorised & requested to repair the foundation of Castle Clinton in a [164] substantial and sufficient manner which was agreed to.

Upon Motion it was resolved that the Special Committee appointed on the remonstrance of Henry Rutgers on the Subject of opening Pike St. be and the same are hereby discharged from the further consideration thereof

It was also Resolved that the Resolution for opening Pike Street passed on the day of be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Alderman Mann then presented the following Resolution which was adopted. Resolved, that Pike St. be widened between Division and Cherry Street. by taking ten feet from the Lots on each side, and that the Counsel of the Board take proper measures to Carry the same into effect.

The Report of the St. Committee on the widening of Bancker St. from Oliver to Pike St. presented on the 12th of April last and laid for consideration was now on Motion of Alderman Mann called up. [165] After some discussion it was moved further to postpone the Consideration thereof. The question having been taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative—A division having been called by Alderman Mann, The members Voted as follows.

Affirmative Alden Wyckoff, King, Ireland, Zabriskie, Taylor, Doughty Mr Bolton, St John, Burtsell Woodruff, Sherman—11

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Seymour, Parker, Mann, Munson Mr Hone, Cowdrey Conover. Cox, Ostrander 10

Alderman Mann moved that it be the order of the day at the next meeting which was agreed to.

Alderman Taylor agreeably to notice given at the last meeting moved that the Board now proceed to the choice of a person to fill the office of Chamberlain or City Treasurer for the present Year, which was agreed to, He moved that the 19th Rule of the Rules and orders of the Common Council be dispenced with—after some discussion he withdrew his motion—The Board proceeded to ballot for Chamberlain and on Counting the Ballots it appeared that John Fleming had 12 Votes and G A Worth 9 Votes, Whereupon John Fleming was declared duly elected to the office of [166] Chamberlain or City Treasurer for the ensuing year,

Alderman Ireland presented the following which was adopted,

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board be directed to prepare a Bond to be executed by the Chamberlain for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and that the Amount of said Bond together with the sureties thereon be such as shall be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Finance Committee.

Mr Cowdrey agreeably to his notice at last Meeting moved to go into the appointment of Counsel of the Board, but before any question was taken thereon a motion was made for an adjournment which prevailed and the Board adjourned to meet on thursday the 1st of July at 4 Oclock in consequence of the Anniversary of American Independence coming on Sunday and the Board having agreed to celebrate it on Monday the 5th

The Comptroller reported as follows.

Balance as per Acct. 7 Inst	$57.08
Recd for Tax of 1823. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7 8. 9 Wards	9500.
" Streets	1550.
	11107.08

[167] 35 Accts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch	1st	Dist	$813.75
Hibbard & Clark "	2d	"	666.75
Bleakley & B[r]ower "	3d	"	645.75

W^{m} S Smith Collector City revenue 1 Qr's Salary 22nd Inst &c	$250.75
Waldo & Jewett, Portrate of S Allen late Mayor and frame	120.00
James Wilson 2 Coal franklins for C. Hall	90
W^{m} Gee posting Bills	41.50
Prior & Dunning 11 Maps of the City 8 Books for Canal St Assess^{t} & Stat^{r} for St Com^{r}	74.75
Proprietors of Patriot advertising Sundry Notices	32.25
John Fleming Treasurer for 2 Orders of Court for pay^{t} of Witnesses	16.
John Sidle to pay Officers attending Election 31 May & 1. 2 June	132.
Abr^{m} Leggett Super^{g} & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 20th Inst	136.17
I. A. Isaac Clerk issuing Tavern Licenses 26 days 10th Inst	45.50
Leonard Warner Error in Tax on Lot 2 Ward	24.80
James Pinkerton Acct. reg. & repav Hudson St. from Duane to Anthony St	650.
H. Smith Acct. reg. & pav Wash^{g} St. from Watts to Charlton	200.
[168] C Mooney bal. laying Cross Walks 5 Ward	170.75
A Quin bal reg & pav^{g} Downing St. from Herring to Varrick	151.91
John Towt & Associates Commissioners fees & Expenses Open^{g} 5th St. from 1st to 3^{d} Avenue	156.56
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges	122.01
S. Fargay bal. reg & pav^{g}, Wash^{g} St from Carlisle to Beaver Lane	59.72
T. Price bal. Cisterns Rose St	48.20
Ja^{s} Pinkerton bal. reg & repa^{g} Maiden Lane &c	31.42
J. Bailey bal. reg & pav. North St. from Christie to Orchard St	24.31
James M^{c}Bride prin & Int Canal St Sewer	110.88
Ja^{s} K Hamilton " " " "	44.60
Isaac J Lockwood " " " "	16.92
Proprietors of American advertising to redeem Taxes on Sales 12 Aug^{t} 1822	18.50
Geo. Charlton bal. Well. Dey St. between Broadway & Greenwich St.	54.25
Jacob P. Roome Sup^{t} repairs for Market	321.
J P Roome " " " repairs	300.
J P Roome " " " pump depa^{t}	150.
J P. Roome " " Alms House "	234.
J. P Roome " " Fire Departm^{t}	143.
[169] Arthur Burtis Supe^{r} Alms House	5.000.
	[11098.00]
Balance.	$9.08

The Board adjourned.

[170] In Common Council July 1st 1824.

Present The Hon^{ble} Will^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor.
Rich^{d} Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
W^{m} H Ireland	Sam^{l} St John
Thaddeus Seymour	Philip Hone
George Zabriskie	Sam^{l} Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	W^{m} Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
George S Doughty	Thom^{s} T Woodruff
Reuben Munson.	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

A Petition of John Sloan for permission to remove a House from Broadway near Houston St. to Wooster St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

A Petition of Joseph Place for permission to assign Lease of Lot N^{o} 16 [171] at Brooklyn to Elijah Raynor was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Flanagan for renewal of Lease of Lot N^{o} 213 Commond Lands was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the printers employed by the Corporation was presented Stating that the sum which they receive for publishing the Laws and Ordinary business of the Corporation is a very moderate Compensation. for the services performed ($100 per Annum) and far below the usual charge for such services. they have therefore considered that for all extraordinary printing they were to be paid. This representation has been made in Consequence of the Finance Committee having objected to their Bill for printing the State Laws respecting the new Organization of the Common Council which occupied for three weeks 2 Colums of their paper, was published in all the papers of the City and was paid for to all the other printers, They Therefore trust that on a consideration of all circumstances there Bills for extraordinary printing will be allowed, the Same being read were referred to the Finance Committee.

[172] A Petition of Jacob Acker for compensation for his invention of a Scale for the accurate measurement of Firewood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips,

A Petition that Suffolk Street may be paved from Delancy to Stanton St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Jacob White for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Application, for Office

A Petition that Houston St. be paved from Sullivan to M^{c}Dougall St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Washington St. be paved from Hammersley St. to Hammond St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the intersection of Grand and Henry St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A remonstrance of Will^{m} Gibbons against the petition of the Owners of the [173] Steam Boat Legislator for the permission to drive piles at the foot of Marketfield St. petitioner Stating that he is Proprietor of the adjoining water lots which he conceives would be injured thereby, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A proposal of P. Nichols to dig out and regulate Bancker St. from Scammel to Walnut St free from expense to the Corporation was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of Oliver Field was received stating that he is proprietor of two Water Lots near the foot of Hubert St. & has for the last 20 years received the Wharfage therefor, But has lately been obstructed in the receipt of the same by the Lessee of Public Slips under the Corporation and praying relief—which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Communication from Joseph P Simpson Sealer of Weights and Measures was presented and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences,

A request of Mess^{rs} Causici & Persico for permission to exhibit to the public in the building where it is now placed, the Equestrian Statue of Washington, was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

[174] A request of several Societies to Assemble in the Park on 5th July next in celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence, was granted.

A Petition of Clarkson Crolius Guardian of Harriet Byron, praying the Sale of a Lot assessed for the improvement of Fly Market St. may be delayed, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A remonstrance of Freeholders & Lessees in Bancker St. between Pike and Oliver St. against widening Bancker St. until the Lessees are indemnified against the assessment for widening the same was read and laid on the Table, It was afterwards called up and referred [to the Street Com^{tee} & Ald. & Ass^{t} of 4th & 7th Wards]

A Petition of James Lowerre that the Board would reconsider his Petition for relief from Assessment for paving, &c. Washington St. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from Dan^l M^{c}Laren and others for permission to repave at their own expense Chatham St. between James and Pearl St. was referred to the St. Committee.

[175] A Note was received from Major Gen^l Morton to the Corporation, to receive the Marching Salute from the Corps of Artillery who will be under arms on the 5th Inst. in celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence, the Salute to be received in front of the City Hall at ½ past 10 Oclock on that day. The same being read was accepted.

An Invitation from M^r Vanderlyn to visit the Panoramic painting of the Palace and Garden of Versailles in the Rotunda on Saturday next, was accepted for that day at 5 Oclock.

The Finance Committee on the subject of a Settlement with Col. Henry Rutgers presented the following report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that in the resolution of the Board heretofore passed (Authorising the Committee to make a Settlement with Col. Rutgers in reference to a grant for the Bulkhead or Space at the foot of and opposite to Jefferson St.) there ought, it now appears, to have been authority given, in like manner, as it respects the bulk-head opposite to the westerly half of Clinton St. inasmuch as the westerly half of Clinton Street is [176] claimed to have been intended to be embraced within the same grant to Col. Rutgers, In order therefore, that the finance Committee may be enabled to negociate a Settlement of this matter, in reference to the half of Clinton Street, as well as the whole space in front of Jefferson Street, they respectfully propose for adoption the following resolution.

Resolved, that the finance committee be authorised to make a Settlement of the matter above Stated, in reference to both the Street mentioned in this report, and that the conveyance also be made out in like manner, and in all other respects according to the resolution heretofore passed by this board on the Subject.

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Will^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Will^m Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an augmentation of the Watch in the First district reported as follows.

[177] The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons, residing in the first Watch District. praying for an Augmentation of the Watch in Said District, beg leave respectfully to report.

That they have learnt with great Concern, that the lower part of the City is infested by a gang of Robbers, who have recently entered at Night several Warehouses, Committed depredations on the property of the Occupants, and Succeeded for some time in eluding the vigilance of the Police and Watch departments, But your Committee are informed that several of them, have been apprehended within a few days.

Our City has been so long exempt from the horrors of midnight Robbery that it is feared the Citizens have relaxed in those precautions necessary for the preservation of their property, and without which, any efforts made by this Board, must be ineffectual to Correct the evil Complained of.

Your Committee after much investigation have found no reason to attribute the impunity with which those offences were for some time committed, to a want of Vigilance in the Watch Department, they have however directed the Captains of the several Districts, to adopt such measures, as will ensure the utmost [178] degree of attention in their Companies, and have ordered that the Watch shall be continued to a later Hour in the morning than it has heretofore been.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest as their Opinion, that the number of Watchmen employed in the first district is insufficient for its extent, and the vast amount of property included within its limits, and recommend that they be authorised to increase the number by the employment of as many extra men as they may deem sufficient to perform duty as Patroles, in those parts of the City most exposed to danger.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be authorised to employ as many additional Watchmen in the first district as they may deem sufficient to do duty as Patrols within the Said District

Philip Hone
Asa Mann
(Signed) George Zabriskie
T. Seymour
Geo S. Doughty.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[179] The Watch Committee on the Petition of Capt Walton for remuniration of Costs of Suit paid by him reported in his favour as follows

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Thomas Walton, Capt. of the City Watch. praying to be reimbursed for fees paid by him for defending a Suit instituted against him for an act while attending to his Watch duties. Report that they have inquired into the subject and are of Opinion that he ought to be reimbursed for the said Costs and Offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of Thomas Walton for Twenty dollars agreeably to this report.

Asa Mann
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Philip Hone
T Seymour
Geo. S Doughty

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Watch Committee on the petition of James H Rowland for remission of a fine imposed on him reported in his favour as follows.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of James H Rowland [180] praying to have a fine and Costs remitted which was incurred by a Conviction in the Court of Sessions for an Act Committed while doing his duties as a Watchman. Report that they have enquired into the subject and are of Opinion that the fine and Costs ought to be remitted and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the fine and Costs of Said Conviction be remitted

Asa Mann
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Philip Hone
T Seymour
Geo. S Doughty.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition to open 114th St. and the remonstrance against the Same reported in favour of Opening the Same from the 3d Avenue to Harlaem river as follows.

The road Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for and the remonstrance against opening 114th Street,

Report, That they have had the subject under their deliberate Consideration [181] have examined the premises through which the

Street will pass, and are Convinced of the propriety and utility of Opening it.

Your Committee would beg leave also to State that they have delayed reporting on this Subject for Some time with the view of affording to all concerned an opportunity of making objections if any they had, before it was finally determined by the Board, none have presented themselves to the consideration of your Committee except those which are Contained in the Annexed remonstrance, and which they did not deem of sufficient importance to warrant even a further delay especially as the improvement was asked for by persons owning three fourths of the property which would be affected by the measure, Your Committee do therefore recommend, the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved. That 114th Street be opened from the 3d Avenue to the Harleam river, and that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the necessary measures to Carry the Same into effect

respectfully Submitted by

Geo. S Doughty Jacob B Taylor
Shivers Parker. A Sherman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[182] The Street Committee on the petition for paving Eldridge St. from Stanton to North St. reported in favor of the Same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Dominick and Others praying that Eldridge Street may be regulated and paved from Stanton to North St. Report that they are of the Opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to regulate &c Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St. reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered on the 21st Inst. for paving Chrystie Street from Delancy Street to Stanton Street, report that in their Opinion it is necessary [183] and proper that Chrystie Street should be paved, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that Chrystie Street be regulated and paved from Delancy to Stanton Street

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Sam^{l} St John

Which was approved & the resolution Adopted.

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Wardens 3^{d} Ward.

Geo. E. Richard Merchant. 135 Broadway
vice Peter Roe resigned
Geo. A Bartow Bookseller < B^{d}way & Dey St.
Vice Henry M^{c}Farlan Time Expired

Fire Engine C^{o} N^{o} 9.

David Anderson Carpenter 124 Broad St.
Vice Geo. Long Time Expired
W^{m} C Shope printer 27 Stone St Vice W^{m} W Cox resigned

[184] Fire Engine Company N^{o} 27

Nathaniel Jarvis Grocer 284 Spring St.
Vice Henry Mabie Resigned

N^{o} 28

George W Gaffit Cartman 127 Mercer St
Vice Frederick Haniger [*Hennigar*] Resigned

N^{o} 29

Uzziah Coddington Mason Ch^{s} & Herring St
Vice Abraham Hyer Resigned
David Huston Carpenter Greenwich St
Vice Jacob G Day Resigned

N^{o} 33

Abraham Lamoreux Carpenter 41 Broome
Vice Sutton Greene Time Expired
Daniel Lewis Brass Founder 382 Cherry St.
Vice Stephen Thorne Time Expired

N° 34

George Lippincott Card Nailer Charles St
Vice Jn° Hough Resigned
Moses Serrins Carpenter < Car^e & Herring
Vice Jn° Leonard Resigned
[185] Samuel Woodward Painter Perry St.
Vice Daniel Christie Expelled
Isaac Fairchild Carpenter Sullivan St
Vice Charles Cromwell Resigned

The Attorney presented the following Communication respecting Cap^t Holdridge who had neglected to report Certain passengers

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that on the 23^d June 1824 a Suit was brought against Cap^t Nathan H Holdridge, for penalties amounting to $300, for not reporting four passengers brought into this port in the Ship Howard from Havre, From the Circumstances of this Case, it is most probable that the neglect of the Captain, in not including these passengers in his report, was unintentional; and he has accordingly Since the Suit, been permitted by the Mayor to Amend his report, and to give a new Bond, for the Security of the City against the pauperism of the passengers.

The Subscriber therefore recommends a remission of these penalties on payment of the Costs of the Suit.

[186] respectfully Submitted
(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalty was remitted

The Attorney also presented a report Stating that he had brought two suits against persons for not paving their Side Walks the penalties for which is the amount of Bill for paving—these penalties have been paid and the pavers have requested the same to be paid to them—but as the pavers can recover at Law for their Work—the Attorney doubts the propriety of paying it over to them, and submits the Case. Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector on each. viz.

Assessment for repaving Pearl St between Fulton St and peck Slip

Assessment for repaving Water St between Fulton St and peck Slip

Assessment for Well and pump in Stanton Street near the Bowery.

[187] The Street Commissioner also presented the following Ordinances which were passed.

Ordinance for regulating &c Eldridge St from Stanton to North St and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

For regulating and paving Chrystie Street from Delancy to Stanton and Abrm Dally James Bleeker and Benjn Prince were Appointed Assessor[s]

For regulating and paving Columbia St. from Grand St to Rivington St. and John Targee John Brower and John Bedient were Appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed

No 1	Rt M Livingston	Owner	Laurens St	A Lot
2	G Lovett	do	do	do
3	Jno J Jones	do	Rhynders	do
4	Widow Glover	do	Thompson	do
5	do do	do	do	do
6	A H Lawrence	do	Wooster	do
7	Rt W Livingston	do	Broome	do
8	G Vaughn	do	Cherry	do
9	N L. Martin	do	do	do
10	Willm Shotwell	do	Washington	do
11	H P Robertson	do	Rivington	do
12	[188] Francis Frazer	do	"	do
13	Jno Walsh	do	"	"
14	James A Robinson	do	"	"
15	William Butler	do	"	"
16	E Innett	do	Pitt	"
17	G Lovett	do	<Green & Wooster	"
18	Josa Hatfield	do	<Columbia & Delancey	"
19	Jh Barker	do	Sheriff St	"
20	Cs Weed	do	Columbia St	"
21	Sl No[r]seworthy	do	<Rivington & Columbia	"
22	Heirs of Jno Staples	do	Chrystie St	"
23	Js Warner	do	First St	"
24	Heirs of Jno Agnew	do	Front St	"
25	Ralph Walker	do	6 Collect St	"
26	Mrs Renwick	do	Renwick St	"
27	Jno Patten	do	Front St	"
28	Saml L Mitchell	do	do	"

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

He also presented a report of persons who had been prosecuted for Non Compliance with Ordinances, but which Ordinances had since been Complied with, and he recommended a remission of the Penalties—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[189] Alderman Taylor presented a resolution for Opening Greene St. from Bleecker to 4th St. which was referred to the Street Committee

The Street Committee on the petition for a public Square or place in vicinity of Grand, Harman and Other Streets, presented a Report which was read, the Consideration postponed and the St Commissioner directed to advertise the same that objections may be made by the Owners of property if opposed to the Contemplated improvement.

The report of the Street Committee on Opening Bancker St. was called up and read—it was moved that the same be referred to the Street Committee which was agreed to, It was here moved that the Alderman and Assistant of 4th & 7th Wards be added to the Said Committee a division having been Called thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, A Division having been Called by Alderman Ireland the members voted as follows—(Alderman Taylor, Mr St John, Mr Hone, & Mr Cox having been at their own request excused from voting) viz

Affirmative Ald Seymour. Zabriskie. Parker Mann Doughty & Munson, Mr Cowdrey. Burtsell, Conover Sherman Ostrander 11

Negative Ald. Wyckoff, Ireland Mr Bolton, Woodruff—4

[190] Alderman Taylor then rose and begged the Board to accept his resignation of the appointment of Chairman of the Street Committee After Some discussion a Motion was made to adjourn which was lost Alderman Taylor persisted in his request, A motion was made to accept of his resignation the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative,

A resolution that Gouverneur Slip be regulated and paved between Water St and the East river was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution that Wells be dug and pumps placed at the intersections of Lombardy and Pike Streets, at intersections of Banker and Pike Streets and at the intersection of Harman St and that the present Wells at those places be filled up—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[191] The Comptroller made the following report viz.

Balance as pr Acct 21 June	9.08	
Recd for Rents	4142.52	
" " Tavern & Excise Licenses	3300.	
" " Tax of 1823 8th & 10 Wards	3000.	
" " Justices Courts	571.39	
" " Fines &c of Sheriff	357.	
" " Wells & pumps	200.	11,579.99

60 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
Jno Coffin Assist City Inspectr 31 days to 1st Inst	54.25
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo "	52.
Ob. Ayres Assist City Inspector " "	45.50
Wm Schureman Keeper potters field " "	37.50
Andrew McCready " park " "	30.
Oliver Jaques St Inspector 1 Ward " "	30.
Peter Wright do 2d " " "	30.
Thos Jeroleman do 3d " " "	30.
Nichs B Lyon do 4th " " "	30.
Abrm Ackerman do 5th " " "	30.
Wm Kerr do 6th " " "	30.
Benjn Fuller do 7th " " "	30.
Danl Hubbard do 10 " " "	30.
Benj. Wright Examg Bronx river &c for bringing Water to City 4 days	40.
[192] H Westervelt taxed Costs in Suit Corporn Vs Thos R Mercein	21.58
Benj Hicks Asst Board Health 1 Month 1st Inst	45.50
J Pinckney do do " "	45.50
Leond Baum Clk Washinn Market " "	64.42
Jno Bremner " Catharine " " "	56.
Richd Smith " Franklin " " "	37.50
Isaac Astin Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59
Arthur Burtis Supt Alms House & Officers 1 Qr "	537.50
Wm Hoghland Keeper peniteny & 3 assists " "	537.50
Abm Leggett Superg & Work mud machine to 2d Inst	116.78
Abm Bloodgood & Inspector of Election 4 Ward	30.
G Snethen Lighting Lamps 1 Month 1 Inst	607.13
Wm Brown 12 Casks of Oil	306.55
Jno Dunn & Sons making & repairg Lamps to 25 June	205.03
G Snethen Supert Lamps 1 Qr Salary 1st Inst	137.50
Robt Provoost repairg Lamps 1 Mo. "	79.80
Aldern Wyckoff Attending Court 12 days April	48.
" King do " 7 " March & June.	28.
" Ireland do " 12 " May	48.
" Seymour do " 12 " "	48.
" Zabriskie do " 39 " Jany Apl June.	156.
" Parker do " 31 " March, June	124.
" Mann do " 12 " Feb.	48.
" Taylor do " 12 " Feb.	48.
" Doughty do " 16 " March	64.
" Munson do " 12 " Jany	48.
[193] J G Swift & Associates for surveys regulg Streets between North & 34th Streets, from Bowery to East river	500.

G Tucker repair^{s} Thompson St. Sewer	841.85	
G Tucker " Culverts Maiden Lane Sewer	10.65	
Ja^{s} Mehan " Intersections 2. 6. 8 Wards	183.67	
G Tucker " Minetto Sewer	67.38	
Tho^{s} Cummings bal. reg & pav Bedford St fr *Benton to Chry^{r}* [Burton to Christopher]	97.41	
A Blanch prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	47.52	
Ruliff Vandelind " " do do	45.76	
Margaret Sims " " do do	6.49	
J. Gallagher 1st pay^{t} Well Henry St between Mark^{t} & pike	86.94	
Benj Brower 468 Tons Stone at Battery	207.75	
Jn^{o} Becker 240 " do do	105.	
Abner Osborn Inspec^{g} deliver^{g} Stone at Battery	16.87	
W. Westerfield & G Tucker 1st payment Masons Work at Fever Hospital	2500.	
J P. Roome Sup^{t} repairs fill^{g} Ground at Essex Market	167.12	
J. P. Roome Sup^{t} repairs for Streets	150.	
J. Morton for Hack Hire paid, & Index to 50 Vol Minutes	82.50	
		5116.91
Balance		$310.70

Board Adjourned to Meet Monday a fortnight

[194] In Common Council July 19th 1824

Present The Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor
Rich^{d} Riker Esqr. Recorder

Alderman	Assistant
Henry J Wyckoff.	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	Sam^{l} St John
Thaddeus Seymour	Philip Hone
George Zabriske	Sam^{l} Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	Will^{m} Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
George S Doughty	Thom^{s} T Woodruff
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Approved.

A petition of Whitehead Hicks to be released from a penalty for not filling in a Lot agreeably to an Ordinance but which ordinance has since been complied with, was referred to the Police Committee.

[195] A Petition from Silas Southworth to be relieved from a fine incurred by incumbering one of the public Slips with the hulk of a Vessel, which he had bought for firewood, but was prevented by

the setting in of the Cold weather from removing the whole of the Same, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that Water St be repaved from Coenties Slip to Old Slip was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Jn° K Townsend Lessee of Districts N° 1 and 2 of Public Wharves & Slips, stating that the Law of the Corporation establishing a new rate of wharfage is attended with ruinous Consequences to petitioner as all the river Craft leave the Public wharves and repair to Private wharves where the ancient fees are demanded. and requesting to be permitted to surrender his lease was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and pump at the Intersection of Front and Water Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward

[196] A petition from the Several Street Inspectors requesting to be employed to carry into effect the late Law respecting Tavern Licenses and to be allowed an additional Compensation for said Services was referred to his Honor the Mayor with Authority

A petition that the Side Walks in Collect Street may be raised as they are overflowed at each shower of rain was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George Hawes for permission to transfer his Stall N° 7 Washington Market to his son Jn° F Hawes was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Theodorus Bailey for himself and Elbert Anderson proprietors of premises corner of Chatham and Chamber Sts. requesting permission to extend the Iron railing from the Corner to the rear of their Lot was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A petition from Messrs Rathbone and Fitch Lessees of Castle Clinton at the Battery now called by them Castle Garden stating that they have expended upwards of [197] $3000 in the improvements which they have already made and contemplate still more extensive improvements which will add greatly to the convenience of the Citizens, who resort thereto, they therefore request the Corporation would give an extension of ten Years more to the Term for which the premises is now leased to them which being read was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Petition of Garitson Lyon for remission of a fine incurred by incumbering the Streets was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Timothy Dewey Manager of the Gas light Company requesting permission to make a fire in a Grate in the Streets for the purpose of melting Lead to form the joints of the gaspipes now laying in the City—was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Francis Campbell stating that his Brother William Campbell died in June 1821 at the Island of Cuba leaving some property in the City of New York which the public Administrator Benj. Prince Esq^r took possession of in his Official Capacity and [198] after paying all debts Claimed against the Estate he paid over the Balance agreeably to Law into the City Treasury, and praying that the balance may be paid over to him as Heir of the deceased—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Rev^d John Sellen to be relieved from a personal Tax was referred to the Committee of Assessments.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants in the Vicinity of the Washington Market was presented stating that they are Merchants trading in that part of the City—That the River Trade is there principal dependance, that under the former rates of wharfage Vessels frequented that District, and their trade was prosperous, but since the late high rates have been imposed by the Corporation the river Craft have left the public Slip and gone to private wharves and their business is thereby very greatly injured, they therefore pray that the present rates of Wharfage be abolished, The Same having been read [199] was referred to Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Owners of property against the Opening of 12^th Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of A Cheesborough for permission to Construct a Vault in Howard St. Opposite his House was referred to the Alderman And Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a Well and pump at the Corner of Norfolk and Delancy St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10^th Ward

A Petition that Pitt Street may be paved and the Side walks gravelled from Division St to Stanton St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Mott Hicks to be appointed to the office of Inspector of Manure was referred to the Committee on Application for Office

[200] A Letter was received from Peter H Wendover Esq^r High Sheriff of the City and County of New York Stating the insufficiency of the numbers of Jurors that are returned to the several Courts owing in a great measure to the length of time which has elapsed

Since a Jury list was made by the Common Council was read and referred to the Board of Supervisors as a Committee of the Common Council to report to the Board.

A Petition of Uriel Howard and Others Lessees of Cellars of Fulton Market complaining that the flooring is not sufficiently tight and the goods are injured by the brine leeking through, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Cooper to be appointed a Weigher of Hay in the 9th Ward was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward

A Petition of Joseph Dean for permission to remove two Houses from Corner of Church and Chamber Sts to Wooster St. was referred to the Alderman and Assis- [201] tants of 3d and 8th Ward

A Remonstrance against the proposed plan for making an Open place at junction of Harman and other Streets was read and laid on the Table, it was afterwards referred to the Street Committee together with their report thereon.

A Petition of Abraham L Smith to be paid $5 for drawing a Deed from the Heirs of Edward Fleming to the Revd Jno Stanford for Lot on which the Engine Stood in Fulton Street enclosing some title Deeds respecting the Same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was received from Capt Henry Robinson, accompanied with an Engraved likeness of the Marquis De La Fayette which he begged the Corporation would do him the Honor to accept, Whereupon it was resolved that the same be accepted and that the Clerk return the thanks of the Board to Captain Robinson for his polite and acceptable present, It was also referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences to have the Same Suitably framed and placed in the Gallery of Portraits in the City Hall.

[202] A Letter addressed to his Honor the Mayor from Jno W. Wyman Esqr was presented and read, He States that agreeably to the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the Subject of his claim, he had waited upon the Chief Justice of the State to Know if the Supreme Court would take Cognizance of the question as proposed but was informed that it was the practice of the Court not to take up a Cause where there was no Suit depending, as this mode of Settlement had failed, he proposed the Case should be submitted to the Arbitrement of James Kent Esqr late Chancellor of the State, whereupon the subject was referred to the finance Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of making preparations for the reception of the Marquis De La Fayette presented the following report.

The Committee who were appointed to prepare suitable apartments for the accommodation of the Marquis La Fayette, and to furnish and supply them in a manner corresponding with the hospitality of our City and the generous feelings of a free People.

[203] That they have taken, to be ready at any time whenever the Marquis La Fayette shall arrive here, the Spacious Apartments in the North Wing of the City Hotel, for the accommodation of himself, his family, and his Suite,

Your Committee have also engaged that this mansion be supplied in a Style and manner to meet, as far as possible, the respectful and affectionate regard which the Common Council and Our Fellow Citizens entertain for him. Your Committee have also provided a Convenient Equipage which will be Constantly at his service.

Your Committee forbear to enter into further details. In the executions of the duties assigned to them they have avoided all unmeaning pomp or parade, Vain and ostentatious ceremonies would be equally unacceptable to our illustrious visitor, as apposed to our republican habits. There are occasions, however, where the American people choose to pour forth their feelings in acts of unrestrained hospitality, munificence, and even profusion. Such will be the case when the Marquis arrives in our City—In him we will recognise, at once all that appeals most powerfully to us as a free & independent nation

[204] Your Committee have therefore made such provisions as will be, in their opinion, alike respectful to the Marquis La Fayette, and suited to the dignity of the Republic

R Riker
Philip Hone
(Signed) Asa Mann
George Zabriskie

Whereupon the same was adopted and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences on the Communication of the Sealer of Weights and Measures reported as follows.

The Committee of Arts & Sciences to whom was referred the annexed communication from J. P Simpson, Sealer of Weights & Measures beg leave respectfully to report

That they are informed Complaints have been made, by the grain dealers in the northern part of the State, that the half bushel measure now in use in this City, is too large, and the City Sealer, suggests the propriety of sending an Agent to Albany for the purpose of regulating the Same.

[205] In pursuance of the Law of the State passed March 27. 1821, the Corporation of this City. procured from the Secretary of State, a Set of measures in conformity to the State Standard which by the said Law, was made the Standard for the Southern district, the measures now in use, and Strictly regulated by the Said Standard, And your Committee are of Opinion that the Corporation have no Authority to Alter them, but if the evil Complained of does in fact exist, the Legislature of the State, is alone Competent to remedy it, by a general Law, on the Subject.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is unnecessary to send an Agent to Albany, for the purpose of regulating the Weights and Measures now in use.

Philip Hone
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[206] The Street Committee on the resolution respecting Opening Greene St. And Wooster St. reported in favour of the Same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the Opening of so much of Green and Wooster Streets between Bleecker St. and Fourth Street as has not been Ceded to this Corporation, Report that in their Opinion it is expedient, that those Streets should be so opened and extended in asmuch by so doing the long, and so much complained of nuisance occasioned by Amity Lane, would be in a Great measure remedied, and the lots of individuals made accessible and improved—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Green Street and Wooster Street be opened from Bleecker Street, to Fourth Street and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

Reuben Munson Jacob B. Taylor
Sam^{l} St John Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

[207] The Street Committee on the petetion of Daniel M^cLaren and Others respecting repaving Chatham Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel M^cLaren and others for permission to repave so much of Chatham Street as lies in front of their respective tenements

Report that in their Opinion it would be improper to grant their request in as much as they constitute but a small proportion of the proprietors of the lots on that part of the Street to be repaved

Your Committee therefore think it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners and according recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Sam^l St John
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Suffolk Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was [208] referred the petition of Sundry persons to have Suffolk Street paved from Delancy Street to Stanton Street, Report. that they see no objections to granting the request of the petitioners, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Sam^l St. John
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Houston Street from Sullivan to M^cDougal St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Low and Grove Wright for permission to pave Houston Street from Sullivan to M^cDougal Street, Report that they are of the opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, provided they Continue the pavement to Bedford Street, (which is already paved) And provided they Conform to such regulations and directions as may be given by the [209] Street Commissioner respecting the same

Your Committee accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Houston Street be regulated and paved from Sullivan Street, to its junction with Bedford Street

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the resolution referred to them respecting paving the Carriage Way at the head of Peck Slip reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution, report that they have had the subject (the repaving of a part of Peck Slip Street) under their Consideration and are of the Opinion it is necessary and proper that a portion of that Street should be repaved, and as the same has been advertised and no objections offered, they submit the following resolution

Resolved that an Ordinance be passed for repaving Peck Slip Street between Water Street and the Bulkhead,

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
[210] (Signed) Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting paving the Street at Gouverneur Slip reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution respecting the paving at Governeurs Slip between Water Street and the Bulkhead, Report that in their Opinion it is necessary and proper, as well to prevent the filling in the Waters of the Slip, as to abate an intolerable nuisance occasioned by a Collection of filth and garbage under and about a public market—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street at Governeur's Slip be regulated and paved from Water Street to the Bulkhead, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
[211] Signed Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well at the Intersection of Grand and Henry Streets reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump near the Junction of Henry with Grand Street, report that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayers of the Petitioners be granted

Asa Mann
(Signed) Jameson Cox
R Graves St Commis^{r}

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Petition of Nath^{l} Smith Prentiss and the report of the Counsel thereon which had been referred to the Street Committee was called up and on motion the Street Committee was discharged from the further consideration thereof [212] and it was referred to the Committee on Laws

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred a resolution respecting the digging and filling up of Wells at Certain places presented a report in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed resolution that Wells be dug and pumps erected therein, at the places therein designated, Report, that in their opinion it is necessary & proper that Wells be dug and built at the intersection of Harman & Pike, and Lombardy and Pike Streets, but that it is not at present necessary to have a Well built at the intersection of Banker and Pike Streets—and accordingly they offer the following resolution

Resolved, that a Well be dug and built & a pump erected therein near the intersection of Harman and Pike Streets, and also near the junction of Lombardy and Pike Streets, and that the present Wells at those places be filled up.

Asa Mann
[213] (Signed) Jameson Cox
R Graves. St. Commiss^{r}

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Committee of Repairs and Comp^{r} presented the following report on the Account of Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs which was directed to be filed.

The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller respectfully report, that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs, from 11 December 1823 to 7 July 1824, and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation.....	$14.635.12
For Sundry Articles sold by him..................................	76.69
Balance due Corporation 11 Dec^{r} 1823............................	1.08
	$14.712.89
He has paid, agreeably to Vouchers examined by the Committee of repairs 188 Accounts, Amount..................................	14.707.53
Balance due Corporation July 7th 1824............................	$5.36

Gideon Ostrander
Signed Thomas T Woodruff.
Jameson Cox

[214] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 3.

William Cisco Sail Maker 15 Stone St.
Vice Thomas Fleming time Expired
Robert P Hancock Turner 57 Elm St.
Vice Otis Billings time Expired
Alfred Cammyer Baker Beaver Lane Vice Francis Burras Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6

John Fisher Clerk 12 Maiden Lane.
Vice George Barker Jun^{r} Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 9

Michael M^{c}Kay Painter & Glazier 37 Beever St.
Vice William S Roshore Expelled

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Francis A. Johnson, Accountant Ann St Vice Will^m^ Leary Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 29

Robert Fenton Carpenter < perry & Herring Sts
Vice Richard Wanmaker Resigned

[215] Fire Engine Company N° 29

Robert Furguson Weaver. Greenwich St. Vice Henry Day Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 34.

Jacob Powlis Carpenter Commerce St.
Vice Peter Westervelt Resigned

Nicholas Pullis Shoemaker Christopher St.
Vice Dennis Bennet Expelled.

The following resolutions for Opening Sixth Avenue, Pike St and 114th Street was adopted,

Resolved, that it is desireable for the public Convenience to open the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Thirteenth Street, (the same being an Avenue laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the Act entitled "an Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is ordered and directed to be done, and that the Attorney to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate [216] and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

Resolved, that it is desirable for the public Convenience to open One Hundred & fourteenth Street from the Third Avenue to Harlem river (the same being a Street laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York; under and by virtue of the Act entitled "an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes passed April 3rd 1807); and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Attorney to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to widen and improve Pike Street between Division & Cherry Sts. in the Seventh Ward of the City of New [217] York by including in the said Street so much of the lands and premises lying on both sides of the said Street as may be necessary to widen the said Pike Street to Sixty feet, as the said Street is laid out on a Map of the Rutgers Estate made by Bridges and Poppleton City Surveyors, bearing date the 15th day of November 1813, and Recorded in the Registers Office in and for the City and County of New York (the said Pike Street being a Street in that part of the Said City not laid out into Streets, Avenues, Squares and Public places, by the Commissioners of Streets and roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807); and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the attorney to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the acts of the Legislature, in such case made and provided.

[218] Whereupon the Attorney presented the following Petition to the Supreme Court respecting Opening 6th Avenue, pike Street and 114th Street.

The Attorney herewith presents for execution a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, for the purpose of Opening the Sixth Avenue, from Greenwich Lane to Thirteenth Street; Also a Similar petition for the purpose of widening and improving Pike Street from Division to Cherry Street; And a Similar petition for the purpose of Opening One hundred And fourteenth Street from the Third Avenue to Haerlem river. These Petitions have been prepared according to resolutions of the Board to that effect.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer Atty.
to the Board

Whereupon the said were directed to be duly authenticated

The Attorney also presented a lease to Francis Barretto Junr for Lots No 162. & 163 Common Lands

The Attorney herewith presents for execution a Lease to Francis Barretto [219] Junr of Lots No 162 and 163 of the Common Lands, for nine years from the 1st day of May last, at the rent of One Hundred Dollars per Annum The Lease besides the usual covenants contains a covenant to Keep the fences around the premises in good repair, and to Keep the premises in an improved State, fit for Cultivation. The Lease has been made out under the direction of the Comptroller.

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon said Lease were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the following report in relation to the suit in Chancery of Henry Rutgers against the Corporation and of Simmons against the Corporation

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that at the late Term of the Court of Chancery, the cause of Henry Rutgers against the Corporation and others, was disposed of, and a balance of $71 $^{41}/_{100}$ was awarded to the Corporation, but without costs.

The Attorney likewise reports, that on the 15th Instant the cause of Simmons against the Corporation, (One of what are commonly called the Butchers causes,) was tried, and [220] on the 16th the Jury found a Verdict for the plaintiff of Six hundred Dollars.

M. Ulshoeffer

[221] He also reported in cases of Cap^{t} Mansfield and Mitchell for not reporting passengers as follows.

The Attorney respectfully reports, that in the Case of the Brig Charleston Packet Cap^{t} Mansfield, for not reporting passengers, the same was afterwards done, and the costs paid, by the Captain—The like, in all things, as to the Brig Sancha Panza, Cap^{t} Mitchell

The remission of the penalties is respectfully recommended in these cases.

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties were remitted.

The Attorney also reported upon Certain dificiencies in the Law respecting the sweeping of the Streets, which was referred back to him with direction to report an Ordinance making the requisite Amendments.

The Street Commissioner made a Communication respecting an award in the Opening of Beekman St. with a certificate of Peter Hawes one of the Commissioners Stating that the award made to James Cromeline Lawrence, as one Sustaining damage was a mistake and should have been to Charles Cromeline Lawrence, Whereupon the [222] same was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which was confirmed and Morris De Camp Appointed Collector in each viz

For paving Columbia Street from Rivington to Stanton Street.

For repaving Front Street from near Beekman St to Peck Slip.

For repaving Beekman Street from Pearl Street to Cliff Street.

For repaving Beekman Street from Water Street to the East river

For repaving New Street from Garden to Beaver Street with an objection of Sam^{l} Corp, which was confirmed the objection notwithstanding.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereon viz.

For repaving a part of Peck Slip Street and James Bleecker, John Bedient and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

For paving Houston Street from Sullivan to Bedford Street and Cary Dunn Jun^{r}, Francis Peckwell, and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

For paving Suffolk Street from Del [223] ancy to Stanton Street and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For paving at the head of Gouverneur Slip and James Bleecker John Targee & Benj^{n} Prince were appointed Assessors.

For Well and pump in Henry Street near Grand St. and John Targee, John Salisbury and Isaac Kipp were appointed Assessors

For Well and pump in Harman near Pike Street and Isaac Kipp, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and pump in Lombardy St near Pike St. and Abraham Dally, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} and John Bedient were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The Street Commissioner ask*es* leave*s* to State to the Board that in paving at Rutgers Slip. it has been found necessary to repave a part of Cherry Street, but as the ordinance for paving already passed does not extend the necessary distance from the Slip, he herewith presents an Ordinance for that purpose

R Graves St. Comm^{r}

Whereupon an Ordinance for repaving Cherry St. from Pelham to Rutgers St. was passed and Benj Prince Ab. Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessor[s]

[224] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

N^{o} 1	R^{d} Whiley	Owner	Asylum & Charles	a Lot
2	S^{t} Elder	ditto	Grand St.	ditto
3	J. C Langdon	ditto	Watts St.	ditto
4	J Curtis	ditto	Republican Alley	ditto
5	W^{m} Honey	ditto	Grand St.	ditto
6	J Halloway	ditto	ditto	ditto
7	J Jenkins	ditto	Sullivan St	ditto
8	A L Stewart	ditto	ditto	ditto
9	Will^{m} Van Orden	ditto	ditto	ditto
10	Will^{m} W Miner	ditto	Watts St	ditto
11	D^{l} Westervelt	ditto	ditto	ditto
12	H^{y} G Bogart	ditto	ditto	ditto
13	F Youmans	ditto	ditto	ditto
14	N^{s} Low	ditto	Thompson St.	ditto
15	Ch^{s} W Sandford	ditto	Wooster St	ditto
16	A^{s} Wyncoop	ditto	First St	ditto
17	Ch^{s} Deboise	ditto	ditto	ditto
18	J & M Hillyer	ditto	1st Avenue	ditto
19	Carey Judah	ditto	ditto	ditto

Geo Cuming C^{y} Insp^{r}

Alderman Wyckoff submitted a resolution for widening the Side Walks in all Streets of upwards of 40 feet in width which was [225] referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

Alderman Wyckoff also presented a Resolution for the removal of the Engine House in Mercer Street which was laid for Consideration

Alderman Munson presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Collector of Arrears of Taxes be authorised and directed to advertise for Sale (the usual time prescribed by Law) the property of Delinquents for Arrears of Taxes on Real Estate for the year 1822.

Alderman Mann moved that the Special Committee, consisting of the Street Committee and the Alderman and Assistants of the 4th & 7th Wards to whom was referred the report of the Street Committee and the Remonstrance of the Lessees against widening Bancker Street be discharged from the further Consideration thereof. The Recorder then presented a Letter from Col. Rutgers which being read was in the words following.

Richard Riker Esq^r^
Recorder of the City of New York

Sir 19 July 1824

Having understood that the proposition now before the Hon^ble^ Corporation for Widening Bancker Street, would probably be opposed, on [226] the ground that it would be injurous to the tenants in that Street, whose leases had but a short term unexpired—I hereby authorise you to state to the Board in my behalf—that I will either accept of a surrender of all such leases from the tenants (all the other Covenants of the said leases being complied with by them) or I will pay the amount of their respective assessments for them, on condition, of their paying to me the Interest on the said assessment in addition to their present rent during the residue of their respective terms

Respectfully
I am Your Obed^t^ Serv^t^
(Signed) Henry Rutgers

Alderman Mann then moved that the Report of the Street Committee with a Proviso thereto subjoined be adopted, the same having been read were in the words following.

The Street Committee, together with the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th & 7th Wards, to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of property on Bancker Street, praying that, that Street may be Opened and widened from Pike Street to [227] Pearl Street, Report. that they have had the Subject under their deliberate and attentive Consideration, & have under all the circumstances of the case agreed to report in favour of Opening so much of the Street only as lies between Oliver Street and Pike Street on the Southerly side, and Catharine and Pike Street on the Northerly Side thereof agreeably to the lines shewn on a map herewith presented. Your Committee presuming that the Subject is well understood by this Board, forbear to offer any arguments to shew the propriety of widening that part of Bancker Street the ensuing season. And therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Bancker Street be opened and widened from Oliver Street to Pike Street, and that the Council to this Board take the necessary measures to carry the same into effect.

provided that Col. Rutgers shall execute an Instrument in writing in due and legal form, to the effect stated in his Letter to the Recorder of 19th July 1824 under the direction of the Counsel of this Board

The question being taken on agreeing to the same *in* [it] was carried in the affirmative The Counsel was directed to prepare the necessary papers, and the Mayor was requested to Authenticate them during the recess of the Board.

[228] Report of the Street Committee on the Subject of making an Open place at the junction of Harman and Other Streets which was laid for consideration was called up, The remonstrance against the Same presented this Evening was read, After some discussion the whole was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution to go into the Appointment of a Counsel to the Board—The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to report whether in their opinion the public good would be advanced by the Division of the Offices of Counsel and Attorney.

The Comptroller made the following Report. viz

Balance as per Acct 1st Inst	310.70
Recd for Streets	6863.18
" Tax of 1823. 2d. 5. 6 & 9 Wards	5300.
" Rents	2446.72
" Justices Courts	763.65
" Mayoralty fees	162.
" Wells & pumps	136.79
" Commutation Alien passengers	50.
" Fines &c Attorney	17.73

[*] 35 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1st Dist	939.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d ditto	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d ditto	645.75
Thos Walton for Costs paid defending Suit, as Watchman	20.
Geo. B. Smith Assist Street Commissioner One Quar Salary 15 Inst	337.50
Saml Hutchings Street Inspector 1 mo 1s Inst	30.
Charles Gilman Keeper of Battery " "	30.
John Sandford Coach Hire	45.
Peter Amerman Clerk 6 Markets 1 mo. 1 Inst	49.50
George Duryea Clk Fulton Market " "	41.67
Richd Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary "	375.
N. Comstock 12 Casks Oil	354.09
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine 14 days to 18th Inst	155.75
Lang Turner & Co Subscripn Gazette 6 mo 7 June	50.
Saml Jones Taxed Costs case of Canal St. Sewer	171.14
Edward Doughty Surveys &c 1 Qr 1st Inst	164.96
Thos R Ludlam ditto " "	78.70

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* New page, not numbered.—ED.

William Durell Prin & Int Canal St Sewer	23.17	
Thomas Thompson do do do do	20.74	
Judah Zuntz do do do do	19.84	
Henry McFarlane do do do do	15.79	
[230] H. Smith. Acct. reg. & repav. Pearl St. from Fulton St to Peck Slip	100.	
J. Pinkerton bal. reg & repav. Hudson St from Duane to Anthony St	77.15	
A H. Mooney repaving Intersections 4th & 5th Wards	85.24	
R. Ayres Earth on Sundry piers	19.70	
John Anderson 1st payment building pier New Albany Basin	1575.	
Isaac Lucas Acct Carpenters Work Fever Hospital	1000.	
R Graves Street Commissioner Acct. repairs Roads	800.	
Jacob P Roome Supern Repairs for repairs Docks	1058.23	
J P Roome ditto " Repairs	750.	
J P Roome ditto " Fire Department	700.	
J P Roome ditto " Pump Department	397.50	
J P Roome ditto " Markets	150.	
J P Roome ditto " Essex Market	100.	
A Burtis Supern Alms House	5000.	11812.82
Balance.	Dollars	2.85

The Board Adjourned.

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